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FRANK G. WALTON DIES IN BAY CITY

WAS FORMER PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF CRAWFORD COUNTY.

At One Time Director of Grayling Citizen's Band

Frank Griswold Walton, aged 68 years, father of Mrs. C. R. Keyport, of this city, and a resident of Bay City since 1879, and one of the best known musicians in that city, died at his home, 2024 Fifth avenue, Monday morning at 1:30, after an illness continuing for the past four years. It was only Sunday however that he took a turn for the worse, and the end came suddenly.

Mr. Walton was born at Chardon, Geauga county, Ohio, on March 5, 1857, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Walton. He received his early education in Ohio, and began to turn his attention to music when still a schoolboy. His talent was such that he continued its study and practice after the family moved to Almont, Mich., where he was elected leader of the band. In 1879 he went to Bay City as first cornetist of the old Knights Templar band of which he continued a member until it disbanded. After settling there with his parents, who later had charge of the county farm for several years, Mr. Walton took up the study of law, and was admitted to practice as a lawyer on December 12, 1893.

Mr. Walton held many public offices in Bay City such as supervisor, Justice of the peace, circuit court commissioner and city controller. During his residence in Grayling he was Director of the Grayling citizen's band and held the office of prosecuting attorney. He was the first chancellor of Portage Lodge K. of P. and was active in other lodge and social circles. For more than 20 years Mr. Walton was a successful band leader, the Thirty-Third regiment and Walton Military bands of Bay City being under his direction. He also taught music at different times during his career.

Fraternally Mr. Walton was a staunch Mason being a life member of Bay City Lodge, No. 129 F. & A. M. Bay City chapter, No. 59, R. A. M. Bay City Commandery, No. 26, Knights Templar, in which he held the office of warden for several years. Bay City Consistory, A. A. S. R. and Elphurafah temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Saginaw. He was also a member of the local Musicians' union, No. 127.

Mrs. Keyport left for Bay City Sunday night owing to her father's illness. Doctor going Tuesday night to attend the funeral, which was held Wednesday. Surviving the deceased other than Mrs. Keyport are his wife, Mrs. Ella Walton and daughter Miss Anne Walton of Detroit, and one son, Clifford Walton of Detroit.

Mr. Walton was well known and highly esteemed by many in Grayling, and his many friends were sorry to learn of his demise.

BIG TAX REDUCTION POSSIBLE
A reduction of \$500,000,000 in Federal taxes is now seen as a possibility. The aim has been about \$500,000,000, and if it is possible to get the lower reduction a great step towards promoting the prosperity of the country will have been taken.

Both Democrats and Republicans should join in this great effort to cut taxes half a billion dollars. Business men must realize that if they are expecting a substantial reduction in taxes it is necessary for them to do something more than give silent assent to the idea. Surely they know that their congressmen and senators are only by writing and keeping in touch with the situation they will exercise tremendous power. There is no politics in tax reduction and there should be none. A man who tries to play politics with the revenue bill this year should be carefully marked as a menace to the public good. Politics and scientific tax reduction are utterly inconsistent.

Junior Prom

ONE OF NICEST PARTIES EVER IN GRAYLING.

The annual Junior Prom, given last week Friday night in the school gymnasium in honor of the seniors, was without a doubt one of the finest parties ever held in Grayling. There was a good attendance, the music was good and the decorations very pleasing. The young ladies and young men of the class of 1926 are to be congratulated upon the success of the affair. There were about 275 guests present, many of whom came from Roscommon and Gaylord.

The decorations resembled a cheery summer garden, enclosed artistically with lattice work of crepe paper, rosebud streamers white and pink being the colors chosen. A lattice canopy was suspended above the heads of the dancers, the entire scheme being carried out through the gym and the lower hall where luncheon was served. At one end of the room, suspended from the balcony rail was a shield bearing the words "Class of 1926" and at the opposite end was a similar sign for the class of 1925. Schram's Ramlers orchestra occupied a terraced platform partly enclosed in lattice at one end of the room. The music was excellent and everyone seemed to be in a happy mood for dancing, and during the early hours the big floor was quite well filled with dancers. As usual there were many new party gowns and everyone looked their prettiest and the young men were upon their best behavior.

At about 10:30 o'clock a pleasing program was presented. A violin solo by Herman Hanson was, as always, a splendid treat, and the applause was responded to with an encore, Mrs. B. E. Smith accompanied. Miss Laura Jean Bowman of Detroit, a guest of Miss Maude Taylor delighted the audience by her clever toe dancing. Miss LaSalle, teacher of music, rendered two pleasing vocal solos, and Misses Beatrice Trudo and Gertrude Loskos danced the sailors' hornpipe very cleverly. Each number was nicely rendered and generously applauded.

Of course the guests would need something to keep up their dancing and the Juniors were provided for the occasion and served brick pie, cream and cakes and coffee. All during the evening punch was served to all those wishing to so refresh themselves.

Much credit for the splendid success of the party is due Miss Fox, the class advisor. She gave her personal attention to all the details of the affair and surely nothing was lacking in any sense. Every feature was carried out without a hitch and there wasn't a single thing to mar the pleasure of the party in any instance.

Among the out-of-town guests were: Mrs. Olaf Michelson, Miss Laura Jean Bowman, Miss Vera Dutcher and A. E. Michelson, Detroit; Miss Trixie Lamb, Standish; Mr. and Mrs. Burt Shultz, Saginaw; Miss Vella Herman, William Masten, Port Hope; Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Smith, Boyne City; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. Haight, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Misses Hutchinson, Misses Fern Leonard, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Leone Gocha, Manila Campbell, Belinda Madsen, Miss Foster, Miss Kendall, Miss Swift, Misses Elizabeth and Marion Kline, Messrs Swift, Carl Guggisberg, Farrel Miller, Carlye Burdison, Thos. Fitzpatrick, Eoster Wilkinson, Keith Lewis, Archie Campbell, Svend Madsen, of Gaylord; Misses Long and Larson, of Johannesburg; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Matheson of Roscommon and a number of the younger set of that city; Herman Hanson, Big Rapids; Edward Sterling, Birmingham; Gordon LaCronier, Standish; MacGilvery, Bay City; John Yuill, Vanderbilt.

KEEP AUTOS AWAY FROM FIRES.
Auto drivers are hereby ordered to keep away from the places where there are fires. It makes it hard for the fire department to place their apparatus and do their work when there are a lot of cars parked near the premises. Please use some judgment and keep back.

CHAS. FEHR, Fire Chief.

LEGION GANG MAKE THE DIRT FLY

WAGON LOAD A MINUTE GOES OUT OF BASEMENT.

Constructing Cement Basement Under G. A. R. Hall.

It would have made a building contractor envious to have watched the members of Grayling Post No. 106 while the members toiled in the work of excavating for the new basement at their hall, formerly the G. A. R. hall, last Sunday. Dirt flew like magic into the hauling wagons and at one stage of the work a wagon load a minute was being hauled out. It would be quite impossible to secure a gang of men who would have done this work in even twice the time the legionnaires required to do it.

Not having the funds necessary for hiring the work done, the members volunteered to do the excavating themselves, and as most of the fellows are holding jobs it was necessary that they do it on Sunday. The job was begun, Sunday, April 19th and will be completed next Sunday. Last Sunday 128 wagon loads of dirt were removed and carted away.

William Mosher has the job of building the foundation and the boys are trying to raise the money for the cement blocks by selling "cement blocks" tags at 25 cents or more each "give as much as one likes", they say, believing that the public will be willing to assist them in this worthy enterprise.

The names of those purchasing blocks will appear on an honor roll, which the boys will have printed and hung in their hall. It was a great day for the fellows and while each shovel of dirt seemed heavier than the one before, they they stuck on the job. It was a pretty lame lot of fellows that climbed out of the pit that Sunday night but all were game to work to get it pretty nearly finished, and happy over the good deed they were performing. At the noon hour there was a treat in store for the workers when Mrs. Hanson prepared a regular "army" stew for them, together with hot biscuits and coffee, and pumpkin pie. "Tasted better than anything they had ever eaten before" was the claim of many of the workers, and each appreciated his appetite to the great pleasure of their generous and thoughtful benefactor.

When finished the hall is going to be a very cozy and comfortable and the members of the Legion look forward to many happy times to come.

SLID PULLERS

Mention of the ring-neck pheasant recalls that just a few years ago the state game department imported a shipload of reindeer from the north countries in Europe for the purpose of putting them on the cut-over lands in Northern Michigan. So much was said at the time of their arrival in this country, one began to visualize the time when we wouldn't have to fool the kids at Christmas, but could produce a Santa Claus with a real reindeer hauling his pack. Nobody seems to know what became of the pack, but there has been reports that they died from a strange malady. Experiments in transplanting animals are hardly ever successful, one enthusiastic lover of wild life declaring the Lord placed each animal where it belonged and any attempt to change their original habitation generally results in disaster.

When the pioneers came to Michigan they built a schoolhouse and a church in every neighborhood, and afterwards a little plot of ground was set aside in which to lay away their loved ones. Today the churches are falling into decay, the schools are being deserted, while weeds and brambles flourish where the forefathers of the hamlet sleep. What a fine thing it would be if the grandsons and granddaughters would return from the city to the country and re-new once more the old pioneer spirit of this state.

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Join Bauer & Black's First Aid Legion at this Store

This is Boys and Girls First Aid Week at this store. We invite the Boys and Girls of this community to be our guests this week, and see the instructive exhibits of first aid materials used to prevent minor cuts and wounds from becoming serious injuries.

During this event, we are accepting enrollments for Bauer & Black's Junior First Aid Legion. It makes you a member of this valiant order—and brings you a complete pocket kit of first aid supplies—a handsome membership button—and a hand book of First Aid instruction. Bauer & Black will award five hundred ten-dollar gold pieces to the boys and girls who render the best aid service in 1925. A membership in the Junior Legion will give you the first aid knowledge to compete and perhaps win one of these ten-dollar gold pieces.

CENTRAL DRUG STORE
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FUTURE OF THE PHEASANT

A few years ago the state started the propagation of ring-neck pheasants at a great expense, and at the present time they are protected under the game laws. In some sections they are getting numerous and there have been complaints of their disturbing the farmer's barnyard flock of chickens, besides damaging and destroying crops. Just what the future of these imported birds will be, is hard to determine at the present time. Up in Minnesota they have become so thick in certain sections the game department is offering one dollar each for every live bird delivered to the wardens. As fast as they are brought in they are shipped to other sections of the state, where they are not so numerous. It will be interesting to watch the future of these imported members of the bird family in Michigan.

NEW GOLF COURSE AT HOUGHTON LAKE

WILL ADD GREATLY AS RECREATIONAL ATTRACTION.

The officers and directors of the Michelson Land and Home Co., A. E. Michelson, Frank L. Michelson, Olaf Michelson and L. R. Michelson, all of Detroit, have been looking over the Company's property at Houghton Lake Park, establishing the selling organization for the season's selling campaign, and planning the recreational features which they propose to establish, the principal feature of which will be a fine golf course. Tennis grounds, parks with swings and other amusements for the children are also on the program.

They brought up with them Wm. Robertson the golf professional of the Green Lake near Pontiac, to look over the ground and plan the course. Mr. Robertson has been connected with golf in a professional capacity for over thirty years and has laid out many courses such as the Quaker Ridge, at Manchester, N. Y.; Everglades club, Palm Beach, Florida; Glen Oaks and Twin Beach clubs, Oakland county, and others.

He is known as one of the real outstanding golfers of the country. Mr. Robertson was very enthusiastic over the wonderful location of the new course, lying as it does on the rolling ground overlooking Houghton Lake, adding a splendid view of this, the largest inland lake in the state, to the pleasure of playing over a course which has all of the diversified features of rolling terraces which adds so much to the interest of a golf course.

On account of the rich soil which has been highly cultivated it will take but about a month's time after staking out the course before play can begin, using temporary greens. The work on the permanent greens will be started at once and will be built with creeping bent grass which is the last word in putting-green grass. Michelson's Houghton Lake Park Country club will be built as a Public course and it is hoped that not only the many people in the immediate neighborhood of the course will use it but that all people from far and near who would enjoy the game will take advantage of playing on this course.

Tournaments will no doubt be arranged between the various golf clubs in this end of the State, thus adding a new line of sport and recreation to those which are already enjoyed in this play ground of the North.

The most pitiful thing in the world is to see a sensible man linked up to a foolish woman. Still when we see those balloon-shaped trousers we know the time is coming when a lot of perfectly nice girls are going to come in for a share of our sympathy.

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ROAD COM. BANQUET AT HOUGHTON LAKE

DISCUSS HIGHWAY PROBLEMS. ABOUT THIRTY PRESENT.

At the instigation of District Highway Engineer H. A. Clemensen, of this city a meeting of county road commissioners was held at the Houghton Heights Inn Houghton Lake, on Friday of last week. About 30 responded to the request to be present. While at the Inn they were the guests of "Dad" Smith, proprietor of the Inn and the Houghton Heights Chamber of Commerce.

The "highwaymen" arrived at the Inn just about in time for fried chicken and other good things that go with a fine chicken dinner. Ara Akin, president of Houghton Heights Chamber of Commerce, extended a cordial welcome to the visitors. H. A. Clemensen, district highway engineer of Grayling, acted as toastmaster.

The first speaker was A. L. Burridge of Lansing supervisor of highway engineers for the state. He strongly commended the practice of these get-together meetings. He gave a brief outline of the history of road building and its developments. He advocated having all trunk lines in good condition before the arrival of the summer tourists, and especially cautioned getting away from loose gravel in the highways and suggested means for avoiding same. To encourage the tourists to continue their visits to our state he urged that every possible courtesy be accorded them while here.

Another good point suggested by Mr. Burridge was the cooperation of the highway engineers with the lesser units, such as village and township boards, giving them the service of their valuable knowledge and experience. Road building this year will not be as extensive as last year as the Department must await the outcome of the gas tax. More attention, he said, would be paid to the maintenance of the highways. By economy he believes that we will have better roads at less cost.

Herman Lundeen said that good roads is the only thing that is going to save Northern Michigan. "If we can have roads and keep the fires out we will have the play grounds of the United States," he said. He stated that he was one of the ones to start the first auto tour through the state, starting out with seven cars, and it required two and a half hours to go from Bay City to Alpena. Four years later there were 200 autos in the tour. He also emphasized the value of courteous treatment to tourists.

M. Hanson of Grayling said that good roads are the most vital thing before the people of Michigan. Many tourists now claim that North Eastern Michigan has the best roads in the state with exception where there are pavements. He quoted some statistics showing the growth in value of real estate property during the past few years. The assessed valuation in Crawford county in the year 1900 was about \$25,000 and for the year 1923 it amounted to about \$515,000. He also urged good free camp sites in every community.

District Engineer Guy H. Green of Bay City, would have detours in first class condition even tho it may cost some money to have them so. He gave the road commissioners' suggestions as to their work.

An hour in open forum was held during which most of the gentlemen present entered into the discussion of the problems that pertain to their work. It was a splendid meeting and plans are being arranged to continue them monthly—a meeting to be held in each county in the district. An invitation was accepted to hold the May meeting in Cheboygan at some definite date that will be set later. Amos Buck of Houghton Heights and Frank Michelson of Detroit were present and assisted in welcoming the guests as they arrived, and to see that everyone had a good time. Houghton Heights is located on one of the finest parts of the lake and is being built up rapidly. At this time a new golf course is being constructed by the officers of the Michelson Land & Home Co., a short distance from Houghton Heights Inn, which will be open for the free use of all who desire to participate in that pastime. The course, says Mr. Frank L. Michelson, will be one of the finest in the state and will probably be ready for use the latter part of this season. This is certain to be a great addition to the fine attractions already afforded at this recreational spot.

WHAT CARELESSNESS COSTS

The value of the lumber industry in the United States at the present time represents investments totaling \$100,000,000,000, employs 800,000 persons and indirectly about 1,000,000, and its annual output has a value of more than \$3,000,000,000. Last year losses mounting into the millions were caused through fires started by careless campers and smokers. This almost appalling loss can be practically eliminated when every person entering the forest zones takes heed of the fire-prevention maxima they will find tacked up along the way.

A member of the legislature arose the other day and said he had been approached by a lobbyist who had offered him a bribe. Unless one is mighty careful and unusually honest they can always find what they are looking for.

All Built on Liberty
"All of our greatness was born of liberty, even our commercialism was rocked in the cradle of democracy, and we cannot strangle the mother without destroying her children."—John P. Altgeld.

Principal Events In Grayling 25 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 25 YEARS AGO.

Recent rains are of immense benefit to grass and grains.

Born—Monday April 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Salling, a son.

Mrs. Archie McKay of West Branch, was visiting here at her old home last week.

The Grayling Steam Laundry is prepared wash and put up lace curtains in finest and latest styles.

Mrs. Annie Hebert and Miss Rose Charron was shopping in town Monday.

Sheriff Owen came home Saturday from a trip to the central and southern part of the state.

William C. Johnson and wife of the south part of town returned last week from a pleasant winters visit in Hillsdale county.

Charles Cowell has returned from the Ferris school at Big Rapids, for the summer. He looks as though he overworked and needed rest.

Among our visitors this week we were glad to shake hands with Frank Calkins of Gaylord. He will return in time to catch the first trout.

T. A. Carney is making extensive improvement on his new home which will make it one of the most pleasant in the village.

We are in receipt of interesting papers from San Juan, Porto Rico from Lieut. Don A. Palmer, but as some of them were in Spanish we did not care to read them.

The Otsego County Herald was twenty-five years old last week and is a healthy infant, deserving of long life and strong support.

Bro. McKinly will accept our congratulations.

Miss May Blanshan of Grayling was in Monday and Tuesday in the interest of the newly organized D. of R. lodge of Grayling—Leviaston Journal.

An alarm of fire Tuesday called out the department in a hurry, but fortunately they were not needed as

the incipient fire in the R. R. round-house was extinguished by the R. R. men without damage.

At the Danish Ev. Lutheran church on Sunday May 6 Rev. Raven of Clifford Park of Ohio will conduct the service in the morning and Rev. K. Knudsen of Muskegan in the evening at the usual hours. All Scandinavians are requested to be present.

The mention of the name of Hon. Nelson Sharpe as a candidate for Congress from this district, is probably not made by his friends with the expectation of his election, at this time, but merely a notice to him that fitness is recognized, and that when he is ready and wants to go, he has only to "wink the other eye". The 10th district has many able men, well fitted to grace the Congressional hall, and Mr. Sharpe is entitled to a seat in the front row of them all.

Atty. Henry H. Woodruff of Roscommon is named as a candidate for the legislature for the Ogemaw district.

Late Pupils.
The following pupils were late last week:

Grade 5—Chris Jensen.

Grade 4—Eshern Olson, Julius Jensen, Wilfred Laurant.

Grade 3—Nellie Shanahan, Anna Shanahan, Lulu Patterson, Burton Winchell.

Grade 2—Willy Dougherty.

Grade 1—Jessie Winchell, Willy Laurant, Samuel Rasmussen, Agnes Rasmussen.

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SHERIFF'S MEN GET MOGGOS AND STILL

HAD JUST FINISHED RUNNING OFF BATCH OF SHINE.

Sheriff Bohemeyer and some of his deputies caught Fred and Edward Moggo at an early hour this morning just after the latter had finished running off a batch of moonshine, according to the sheriff's report.

The Moggos had been under watch of the officers for some time and last evening the officers found their still in the swamp beyond the Fish hatchery, and a quantity of mash all ready to distill. They watched the place until quite late in the evening but the

SHERIFF ISSUES WARNING TO AUTO DRIVERS.

Must Keep Head and Tail Lights In Working Order.

Notice is hereby given that auto drivers must keep their head and tail lights in good working condition, according to the State laws.

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THE FREE TRADERS

CHAPTER XV—Continued

He was honest with passion. But as he tried to seize her in his arms again, she drew away suddenly, stopped—and then he saw that she had a hunting knife in her hand.

"Listen to me now, James Rathway," she said, still speaking in the same strained, monotonous tone. "I shall never be yours. I shall kill myself first. I would have fulfilled my compact in the spirit and the letter, and you fulfilled yours. But I didn't trust you. I suspected that you were tricking me—as you were."

"That's a lie. I didn't trick you. Put down that knife!"

"It's not a lie. You tricked me twice. The first time you forced me into a marriage with you by the threat that unless I consented you would betray my father to the police. I married you, and still you betrayed him."

"I did not. Someone else must have done so. Why should I have betrayed him? He was my friend."

"You were the only man who knew his secret. Then the second time, knowing that I would never live with you, you sent me a lying message to lure me up here, saying that you held my father in your power. You knew that nothing else on earth would bring me up to you. And it was a lie, because my father has been dead for months past."

Rathway's face blanched. "I don't believe that story. How do you know?"

"He died in his mine. His body lies at the bottom of it, where he was stricken. If you did not know that he was dead, at least you were lying when you said he was in your power."

"He lies—at the bottom—the bottom of the mine?" Rathway stammered.

"I don't know. He seemed to shake off a sort of stupor. He tried to take her hand."

"Joyce, if I did lie to you, it was only because I love you. God, think of the years I've loved you. Joyce! I've given all my life to the hope of winning you. Let a woman touched by the thought of that? All that I've ever done, since that day when I first saw you in your father's house, has been for you. And now I've got you, and you tell me you will never—"

He was pressing toward her, but she held the dagger pointed at him, and he stopped, afraid of the look in her eyes.

"Joyce, don't be foolish. Put that knife away. What do you mean to do?"

"Kill you and then myself, if you lay a hand on me again. I've told you I shall never live with you."

"By heaven, I'll kill him if you go to him!"

"I shall not go to him. That is why I sent him away. I shall go away alone."

"Joyce, listen to sense. Do you realize that you are my wife? That I can hold you by force, and there is no law in the dominion to prohibit me, and no man who would not approve? Joyce, be sensible. If you're still in love with this man, Anderson, I'm willing to wait till you've forgotten him a little. Lord, I've waited long enough for you! But I'll wait longer if I have to."

"Don't you see how foolishly you're acting," he pleaded. "Don't you realize how much better off you're going to be with a husband who is rich and devoted to you? Your father never took a penny out of that mine all these years. There must be a hundred thousand dollars' worth of gold dust there—perhaps a million. Can't you see the old boy working night after night like a beaver, to make you and me rich?"

And he threw back his head and uttered his hyena laugh again. But Joyce said nothing at all, and he added:

"I suppose you know it all belongs to me, as your husband, under the law, and that if you leave me you don't get a penny of it?"

"Well?"

"Well? I thought you mightn't understand. How far from here is the mine?"

"I don't know."

He burst into a spasm of fury. "By heaven, I'm going to make you know! Do you think you're going to keep the secret of my own mine from me? I tell you I meant to have it from the first moment that your father began dropping his hints. The old fool. It was to find out about it that I stayed on with him year after year."

"I've always known that."

Rathway stared at her. He was staggered by the quiet, indifferent manner of her speaking. He had not believed her before. He had been so confident when he sent her for her, under the pretext of having her father at his mercy, that she could solve the secret which he had never been able to solve himself.

Yet now it began to occur to him as a probability that Joyce had never known the secret. He had taken too much for granted. If she had not known it when she went south, as had certainly been the case, how could she have learned it since?

And all his plans seemed suddenly defeated.

"You say you don't know where the mine is? Ah, but you told me your father's lying at the bottom of it!" he cried suddenly. "Who found him there?"

"Mr. Anderson."

"He knows, then? Your lover knows and your husband doesn't? D'you mean to say it wasn't you who told him?"

By VICTOR ROUSSEAU

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"I've had enough of this nonsense, my dear!" he cried triumphantly. "You're going to make that lover of yours tell you the secret of the mine. You'll do it when you've learned to love me. And, by heaven, I'm going to make you!"

She screamed and bent furiously at his face, impatient in his grasp. They wrestled to and fro. So violent was the girl's resistance that for a moment or two she held Rathway at bay, beating her fists in his face again and again, and drawing blood from his nose and lips.

The fury of her resistance only made her the more desirable in his eyes. He held her fast now, her arms forced to her sides again, his bloodshot eyes leering into hers, his black beard sweeping her cheek.

In the room they had taken at the rear of the house the three men, who were drinking and playing cards, hearing the girl's screams and the sounds of the struggle, burst into mirth, and came tiptoeing along the passage.

Joyce, making one final, desperate effort, broke once more out of Rathway's arms, burst through the door, and ran screaming along the passage. She got the front door open.

"Lee! Lee! Come to me!" she cried in wild abandonment.

Then Rathway's arms closed about her from behind, and Joyce ceased to struggle.

CHAPTER XVI

Joyce or a Gold Mine

Lee did not go as far as the forest, which loomed out of the distance beyond the ridges of broken ground. He waited some little distance away, until the priest's sleigh had gone. Then he went quietly back toward the log house.

Lights burned inside. A strip of cloth had been pinned before the window of the largest room—the one in which Lee had camped with Joyce for a brief hour upon that afternoon of their arrival. This was the room that Lee had selected in his mind for their occupancy during their brief honeymoon.

But not the least spasm twisted Lee's face at the realization that another had supplanted him in that relationship with Joyce. There are some phases of emotion so tense that they appear to neutralize themselves by destroying their own manifestations.

Lee's expression showed not the smallest deviation from the normal now. It was quiet, dispassionate, and very cold. Softly Lee approached the window and, stooping, looked between the frame and the curtain of cloth.

The window on this side had a piece missing out of the corner, and over the little gap some one had pasted a piece of paper. With the barrel of his rifle Lee quietly made a small hole in it.

From there he could catch glimpses of the two figures. He heard their voices. He was in no hurry. He was waiting till they chose to finish their conversation. Then, in due time, Rathway would stand in a line with his sights and he would make an end of him.

And the wild turmoil in Lee's heart seemed divorced from his brain, which remained impassive and cold and steady as the piece of mechanism in his hands.

Rathway's voice grew louder. Lee saw the hunched figure gesticulating,

the sneer on Rathway's face. Lee drew a bead. He might as well end the business after all.

But before Lee's finger tightened on the trigger, a hand upon his shoulder made him leap to his feet and start up, his rifle clubbed, ready to strike. He thought Rathway's men had surprised him.

But to his amazement it was a woman standing at his side; then in that cloaked and hooded guise that confronted him he recognized—Estelle once more.

She looked at him fixedly; she was deeply agitated, and caught at her breath before she was able to find her voice.

"You fool!" she exclaimed bitterly. "You fool! You had her in your hands, and you let Jim Rathway take her away from you! You couldn't hold her—and now I come upon you to find you planning a cold-blooded cowardly murder—yet, a policeman!"

At that something broke in Lee's heart. The realization of the act he planned came over him. He would have killed Rathway as heedlessly as any

accepted the situation. Lee went back to the girl.

"Joyce! Joyce, darling!"

"Oh, Lee, I can't hear it. I thought I could, but it's impossible. Oh, take me away, Lee! Help me now, as you offered to help me on the range, though we can never be anything to each other. Take me somewhere to safety, where I need never see that man again, or think of him, or of this place, or—or ever remember anything of the past."

She clung to him, sobbing in terror and loneliness. Lee, holding her, raised her hands to his lips.

"Joyce, dearest, I'll do as he proposes, then. I'll show him the mine, and then I'll take you away somewhere south, where you need never think of him or of this place again. And if that wretched marriage can't be annulled, I'll be contented to be your brother for the rest of our lives, dear."

He flung the door open. Rathway was standing uneasily behind it, and Lee felt pretty sure that he had been trying to listen with his ear to the ill-fitting jamb.

"I've decided to accept your proposition, Rathway," said Lee. "The terms are these: I guarantee nothing as to the mine; merely to conduct you to the place where Pelly worked for gold. I'll show you the secret entrance. This lady will accompany us, and you will leave your men behind. And we'll go unarmed."

"But I shall carry Mr. Anderson's pistol," Joyce interposed calmly, "and

"I was crouching near, and I overheard your dialogue, you and she, and the priest, and James Rathway. You gave her up—the woman you love—because she stood up before the altar with the man she hated and called herself his wife. I'd hold the woman I loved, were I a man, against God Himself, and all his cohorts!"

"Oh, if only I could find words to hurt you, Lee Anderson, to pierce that tough skin of yours. But I haven't time. Listen to me, now! You don't have to commit murder to get her. You fool, you blind fool, shall I tell you?"

She laughed with taunting menace. "Shall I tell you, Lee Anderson?" she repeated.

And suddenly came the sound of Joyce, screaming within the house. There came the noise of a struggle.

Even as Lee turned, Joyce was running along the passage toward the door. Instantly Estelle glided away into the shadows.

Joyce flung the door open; and then Rathway caught her from behind and swung her back toward him. His black beard hung over her face.

"Lee! Lee! Come to me!"

Joyce ceased to struggle.

"Here!" answered Lee, and dashed his fists into Rathway's face, sending him staggering.

Rathway howled and felt for his pistol. Lee was upon him, planting his arms to his sides, before he could draw it. But Rathway's men came hurrying along the passage. In an instant there was a furious melee. Lee tripped over a leg thrust out, fell heavily upon his back, and struggled in vain under the weight of his four adversaries.

Quickly he was reduced to helplessness, his limbs held firmly. Momentarily he ceased to struggle, nursing his strength for a more violent effort.

He looked up into the grinning faces, at Rathway, standing over him, leering, arms outstretched, gasping for breath and consciousness.

Rathway pulled his pistol and covered Lee. "Pierce! Pierce! Pierce! You're witnesses that you saw this man spying outside this house."

They assented. Pierre grinned. Shorty swore, spat, and scowled, and Lee saw the half-healed scar of his pistol butt upon his cheek.

"You saw him assault me," Rathway continued. "Well, Anderson, I guess if I choose to shoot you like the dog you are, the law wouldn't have much to say about it. But I'll be reasonable. Get back to your quarters!" he snarled at his aides, and the three men in surprise released Lee and went down the passage.

Lee leaped to his feet, confronting Rathway resolutely, but puzzled. Rathway held him covered.

"You must want my wife mighty bad to come back like a fox at night in the hope of picking her up under my nose, Anderson," said Rathway. "Well, I'm a business man, and I guess anyone can get most anything he wants if he wants it bad enough to be willing to pay the price for it. Maybe you can get her at the price, Anderson."

"Pelly's gold mine belongs to me under the law. She tells me you've found it and are holding the secret of it. All right. The price is Pelly's gold mine. The woman for the mine."

"What d'you say to that, Anderson?" Rathway was trembling with eagerness. "I was willing to overlook the past and take her back, but if she doesn't want me and does want you, I guess I can't hold her against her will. So I'm ready to take my mine instead and close the bargain. What d'you say to it, Anderson?"

Lee suspected some trick, but the anxiety on Rathway's face, the trembling tones of his voice showed that his avarice was a stronger passion than that for Joyce. And, despite the violence of the proposal, Lee realized that in no other way could Joyce be saved.

He knew that even then Rathway was contemplating treachery, but there was nothing else to do. If he refused, Rathway would shoot him in cold blood—and the law would justify him.

"I must speak to Miss Pelly first."

"There's no Miss Pelly here," Rathway snarled. "If you mean Mrs. Rathway, you can have five minutes' talk with her to make up your mind. And if you don't accept, or try any tricks on me, by heaven, it's your last minute!"

Lee nodded, took Joyce by the arm, and drew her inside the room. Rathway stood in the doorway, covering him with his pistol, but Lee quietly closed the door on him, and Rathway

the candle. In a moment Joyce slipped, and then Rathway behind her, clinging to the opening and looking down with uneasy suspicion.

"Hold tight to the rocks," Lee called. "It's slippery, and if you lose your hold there's a deadly drop below."

He led the way down, shifting the candle from hand to hand alternately as he descended, to illuminate the way for Joyce, until he reached the bottom orifice. Then he began slowly to complete the descent, instructing Joyce where to put her hands and feet, guiding her, and bracing himself against the cliff, ready to sustain her weight in case of a slip. However, all three reached the floor of the gorge without accident.

Rathway muttered, looking about him. In the moonlight Lee saw that he was dripping with perspiration. He was trembling with excitement.

Lee said eight fatal words: "The rock marks the entrance to the tunnel." Rathway looked at it and nodded.

"I had some difficulty in finding it before," Lee added. He turned to the girl. "Joyce dear, I'm going to show Rathway something that I think it would be better for you not to see. Will you wait where you are for a few minutes? We won't go out of your sight."

"Very well, Lee," the girl answered quietly. She had understood what Lee meant immediately. Lee took Rathway through the laurel tangles and showed him Pelly's remains. He showed him the initials on the handle of the revolver.

Rathway stood dumbly staring at the skeleton. He was trembling even more violently than before.

"He must have fallen from the cliff," said Lee, indicating the broken bones.

"Aye, but where's your proof that it's Pelly?" Rathway burst out suddenly. "Why, man, there isn't a court in the land would admit that skeleton as proof that Pelly was dead. That's as like as not the body of his Indian, carrying Pelly's revolver."

Lee obeyed the instinct not to tell Rathway that Leboeuf was alive.

"Besides," Rathway went on, "as for C. P.—Well, that might mean anything, Charles Patrick, or Clarence Peel. There used to be a Clarence Peel in this district who disappeared. I swear that's the truth, Anderson. Any old-timer will tell you that I'm not lying to you. No, no, Anderson, you can't prove that the body of old Pelly, just from those initials."

Lee wondered at Rathway's agitation. The man seemed quite beside himself. He twined his fingers in his black beard, and shambled away with his peculiar hunched slouch. Lee led him to the cross above the little grave, "think that's proof," he said quietly.

But Rathway, clenching and unclenching his fists, said nothing. Lee went back, calling Joyce, and they proceeded in the direction of the cave. Lee pointed out the pans and cradle, and the proofs of dynamiting.

"Aye, but the gold—where's the gold?" Rathway demanded.

"I have seen none," answered Lee, "and, if you remember, I made no guarantee as to it."

"How do I know you haven't taken it away?" Rathway shouted. "Aye, you may have stolen my gold as you stole my wife. You may be planning to take my wife and my gold away together."

Lee looked at him in amazement, for Rathway was nearly crazed by some passion, probably, Lee thought, the anticipation of obtaining the treasure of old Pelly.

"I've taken no gold and I've seen none," he answered. "I must again remind you of our agreement, Rathway."

Rathway pulled himself together with an effort. "Aye, that's all right," he answered. "This looks like Pelly's mine. Let's look inside. Have you been inside, Anderson?"

"I've only explored the entrance," Lee answered. "I brought no candle with me last time I was here."

Relighting the candle, he preceded Rathway within. The sound of the distant roaring came immediately to their ears. By the candle light Lee saw fresh footprints on the sands. They were made by a man wearing moccasins, no doubt Leboeuf. He did not call Rathway's attention to them, and Rathway, absorbed with his eagerness to find the treasure, noticed nothing. Lee wondered, however, what the Indian had been doing in the cavern.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Princess de Conti

She was the daughter of Louis XIV and Louise de la Valliere. She married Louis Armand de Bourbon, whose brother was chosen king of Poland. Louis Armand died of the smallpox. The princess was celebrated for her wit and wonderful beauty. Muley Ismail, king of Morocco, seeing her portrait, fell in love with her and sent an ambassador to demand her hand. Another likeness inspired the viceroys of Lima with a violent passion, and one of these pictures being lost in the fire was found by the natives, who worshipped it as the image of the goddess of Manas.—Chicago Journal.

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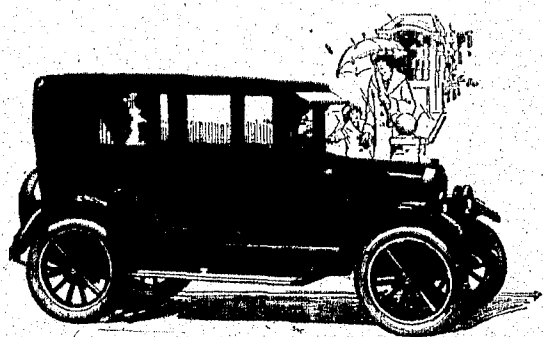
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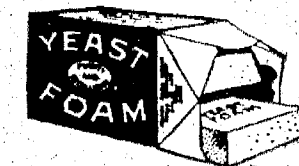
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MY FAVORITE STORIES

By IRVIN S. COBB

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A Mistake in Identity

In the town where I was reared there was a combination barroom and lunchroom for colored only, known as the Bleeding Heart saloon. It stood at the foot of a street near the head of the wharf and was a favorite resort for river dandies. Among its regular patrons was a brawny individual, six feet four inches long and correspondingly broad, who answered to the pet name of Red Hoss. Red Hoss posed as a bad man. He let on, as the phrase runs, that he was the undertaker's best friend. To be sure there was no record that he actually had ever destroyed anyone, but he frequently promised to do so, and was rated as dangerous by the resident colored population.

One night the Cincinnati and New Orleans packet on her way south landed at our town. Among her deck passengers was a small yellow man, a professional prize fighter from up North. On the journey down the river he had introduced his own private set of educated ivory into the crap game among the roustabouts, with the result that he now had all their money in his possession.

Dapper, trim and slim, he climbed the wharf and entered the Bleeding Heart and called for a jolt of sloe gin. He was in the act of paying for the drink with the top film of a delectably fat roll of green bills when the swinging doors were thrust violently asunder and in stalked Red Hoss, slightly intoxicated and therefore doubly belligerent. His lowering, bloodshot eye swept the interior, then focused with a greedy stare upon what the slender stranger held in his hand.

Lurching slightly, he swagged up to the bar and gripped a huge soiled paw on the lapel of the little yellow man's coat.

"Say hissun, pussun," he stated. "You better turn dat bundle of sof' money over to me, an' en' I'll give you back wuf part of it I think you should have for yosef."

"Who is you, may I ast?" inquired the visiting nobleman in gentle accents.

"You better ast!" growled Red Hoss. "Finding out who I is meks yo' chances for livin' longer all de brighter of you asts me who I is, huh? Well, I se goin' tell you. I se de new town bully, tha's who I as, yuh! I se de official bully of dis town an' w'en a strange nigger hits yer he mos' gin'ly lands me over whar spare change he's got an' tha's his life insurunce. So—"

He did not finish the sentence. Stupefaction and rage tied his tongue temporarily as the audacious strapping fellow, in a jaunty gesture, brushed free of the detaining clutch and turned to the barkeeper, saying pleasantly: "Mist' Barkeeper, 'st shurely wuz very tasty gin. I think I'll tek me wuz no' slug outen de same bottle, ef you please."

Red Hoss recovered his faculties. With a berserker bellow he swung with a huge fist for the little man's jaw. The jaw was not there when the fist whizzed past. The pugilist ducked, and came up expertly with a short arm jab which landed exactly on the point of Red Hoss' chin. There was a jar as a large inert body struck the floor.

Three minutes later Red Hoss slowly and dizzily roused himself. Some Good Samaritan had restored him to consciousness by sluicing a bucket of water over him. Dripping and dazed, he sat up, holding his aching head on with both hands. The little man stood at the bar blowing softly upon the knuckles of his right hand and conversing with the barkeeper upon the topics of the day.

"Mister," quavered Red Hoss, "who is you?"

"Me?" said the stranger. "Oh, I is merely the pussun you thought you wuz w'en you come in yere."

A Service to the Whole Land

In the early summer of 1915 three of us made a long trip by automobile to pay a visit to a colored regiment at the front in France. The results more than repaid us for the time and trouble. One of the main compensations was First Class Private Cooksey, who, because he had been an elevator attendant in a Harlem apartment house, gave his occupation in his enlistment blunk as "indoor chauffeur." It was to First Class Private Cooksey that the colonel of the regiment, seeing the expression on the others' faces when a midget waiter from a German mortar moved up on the day the command moved up to the front, and made a hole in the earth deep enough and wide enough and long enough to hide the average smoke house in—it was, I repeat, to First Class Private Cooksey that the colonel put this question:

"Cooksey, if one of those things drops right here alongside of us and goes off, are you going to stay by me?"

"Kurnel," stated Cooksey with sincerity, "I ain't aimin' to tell you no lie. Ef one of them things busts close to me, I'll jest natchally be obliged to go away from here. But please, suli, don't you set me down as no deserter. Jest put it in de book as 'Absent without leave,' 'cause I'll be back jest ez soon ez I kin git my brakes to work."

"But what if the enemy suddenly appears in force without any preliminary bombardment?" pressed the colonel. "What do you think you and the rest of the boys will do then?"

"Kurnel," said Cooksey, earnestly, "we may not stick by you, but we'll shore render one service, anyway; we'll spread the news all over France 'at th' Germans is comin'!"

Shocked Elephant

The wheels of four factories in Roubaix, France, were stopped from turning by the picking of a circus elephant to an iron stake which had been driven into the ground so deeply that it touched the transmission cable. And the elephant did not like it, either, but the shock was not fatal.

Uncle Ezra Says

Bein' contented with yoh lot ain't no excuse for not hustlin' to git de mortgage off'n it.—Boston Recorder.

ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

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DEMOCRACY

I'VE HAD very little association in my time with kings and lords and potentates. Once in a while when I've been in England or Italy or Spain I have had a glimpse of a member of the royal family as he passed along the street closely guarded by soldiers resident in their military trappings, or I've caught a glimpse of some blooded aristocrat as he made his exit from his castle to buy the family groceries or to look after the regular business downtown, but these opportunities have been few and the contact remote. There has been nothing familiar about it.

My experience has been mostly with democracy. In my town we know everybody and call even our most distinguished citizens by their first names whether they are members of the Rotary club or not, and even if we don't know a man, when we meet him on the street we say, "Hello" or "Hi" looks like rain this morning," just the same as if we had known him all our lives. I suppose a lord isn't used to that.

Last summer when I was having a vacation in the Canadian Rockies it was whispered at the hotel that Sir George Thorndyke, or some such person, with his retinue of underlords, was making a visit to the hotel to look after some important railroad business. Sir George was governor general, or vice president of something, and was without doubt a great man. It made me better contented just to have passed for a first cousin of Goliath, though he was not wearing his sword at the time.

Such hustling from one place to another, such getting ready, such standing in awful expectation as if an earthquake were impending, I had never before seen. The simple preparations for a funeral or a wedding with which I had been familiar were as nothing compared with these goings-on in anticipation of the arrival of nobility. Men spoke in whispers and held their breaths in awe.

I could not help thinking that if a lord is so far from the people, what a dreary life it must be to be a king.

When he came you could see that he knew he was no ordinary person. There was a certain self-consciousness, a certain withdrawing from the crowd—necessary, I have no doubt—that I was unused to. When he passed everyone gave way. He spoke to no one, he and his few intimates walked alone, talked only with each other, ate in a remote corner of the veranda alone. Perhaps they enjoyed it, possibly they had become used to it, but they seemed so isolated, so lonesome, so without close friends, that I was more sorry for them than anything else.

THINGS ONE CANNOT BUY

ONE can buy a fine lady, or a motor car, or a theater, or a dinner, or a diamond necklace, or slaves, or lies, or flattery, a writer says in a story I have just finished reading—but there are some precious things that no one or nothing can buy.

McIntire believed that money could buy anything that a man would want, and when he was a boy he set out to acquire a fortune. He gave up everything to this one end. He lived quietly and practiced rigid economy. He worked cruelly hard; he made few friends; he had no pleasures, and took comfort largely in the thought that some day he would have money enough to buy anything that he wanted. The amount necessary increased, in his mind as time went on, but he planned that when he had reached his financial goal, then he would enjoy himself.

In time he built a great house outside the town in which he did his business; with a wide lawn in front and trees and flowers and shrubs scattered here and there to make it beautiful. But he lived a lonesome life in the big house. He never married.

When he was fifty he said out his business, closed his house, and announced that he was going to see the world. He was a very rich man, it was said, though no one knew just how rich. He went alone, as usual, and little was heard of him for a number of years. Sometimes word came that he was in Egypt or Japan or Italy, but the statements were vague and indefinite.

Then one day he came home tired, broken, unsatisfied. The thing he had wanted most, that he had been all over the world in search of, money could not buy.

He was walking down town a few days later when his eye caught the figures of two little boys—sturdy, healthy, innocent and happy—playing with a mongrel dog in a yard surrounding a small cottage. A woman was sitting upon the porch; the arms of one of the boys were about the dog's neck; there was the smell of fresh gingerbread coming from the open window of the kitchen, and suddenly the man's eyes filled with tears.

He had money enough to buy a kingdom, but he had no home, no friends, no little children to run laughing through his big house, no peace and happiness. There was no one to love him and not even a mongrel dog to follow affectionately at his heels. These things money cannot buy.

Brief Information

The past is the most cruel of all masters. Practically all the desirable rubber land in Java has been taken up. Some large species of trout are found in Australian streams.

A government monopoly is maintained on cigarette papers in Albania. A farmer wonders why people think a vacation on his farm has charm in it. He couldn't take one there without fretting over the things that ought to be done.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

By Mary Graham Bonner

COW NEWS

"Moo, moo," said Mrs. Brown Cow, "what is the gossip, Mrs. Brown and White Cow?"

"Moo, moo," said Mrs. Brown and White Cow. "I've just received a compliment."

"Indeed," said Mrs. Brown Cow, "and is that the gossip? They say that gossip isn't true. So if that is so, and you call your compliment gossip it means that it's not true."

"That's foolish," said Mrs. Brown and White Cow. "Yes, that is foolish talk. But then your brains aren't remarkable, Mrs. Brown Cow. So I don't mind."

"I wouldn't call that a compliment," said Mrs. Brown Cow.

"No," agreed Mrs. Brown and White Cow. "No, moo, moo, that's not a compliment. But at the same time I'm not being particularly flattering to myself."

"You see, I greatly enjoy your society, and one of the reasons is that you are not too bright."

"But I must tell you about my compliment. A young city gentleman was passing along by the pasture and he said:

"That's a fine-looking cow, that brown-and-white one. Really that's a nice-looking cow."

"Now wasn't that a grand compliment? Just think he is used to seeing great sights and yet he notices me."

"Yes, that was a pretty nice compliment," said Mrs. Brown Cow. "But if that is all the gossip you have to tell me, I might just as well have a quiet day-dream and cud-chewing time."

"I have another bit of news," said Mrs. Brown and White Cow, "although I don't know how true it is."

"Then it sounds interesting," said Mrs. Brown Cow.

"Well, I hear that some cows belonging to a man who lived by the sea coast where the rocks were many and



Mrs. Black and White Cow.

the pastures few, sent his cows back into the valley so they'd be nourished. And then, when they were due to come back home again, they had grown so fat they couldn't get through the rocks."

"A good story, whether true or not," said Mrs. Brown Cow. "Have you anything more to tell me?"

"Well, I heard that in the parts of the country where there aren't so many people, such as here, for example, where we're not over-crowded as they are in the cities, the cows are making up their minds they won't hurry for motor cars, but will stand and look at them if they wish, before they get out of the way."

"They aren't going to have motors think they're so important. Motors don't give milk. They merely demand to be given drinks of water and gasoline and oil."

"They're ones to receive but not to give. Of course they will take people hurrying about the country, but they aren't as old as cows are and so shouldn't be treated with so much respect."

"Cows have such a pleasant country scent and automobiles smell of gasoline. In fact, cows should be given their rights, and I don't blame cows for making up their cow minds to these rights."

"Nor do I," said Mrs. Brown Cow. "Have you any more news?" she asked.

"Ah, yes," said Mrs. Brown and White Cow. "Mrs. Black-and-White Cow has a darling new calf. I don't know how much he weighs. Yes, he is a boy calf."

"Of course, she said that she would be happy with either a girl calf or a boy calf, but she was very glad that a boy calf came."

"I've been meaning to get around to congratulate her and see the baby."

"Why not let's go together?" said Mrs. Brown Cow. "I should love to see the little calf."

"Yes, let us go together," agreed Mrs. Brown and White Cow.

So the two cows went off down the pasture to call on Mrs. Black-and-White Cow in the pasture beyond.

"We just heard the news," they said. "News seems to travel a bit slowly in cow circles."

"Delighted to see you at any time," said Mrs. Black-and-White Cow.

"Yes, isn't he a love? Everyone tells me so and I know it is the truth."

"He is just as good as he can be, too. Never cries. A lovely baby calf."

"Well, yes I am just a little proud of him."

"No wonder," said Mrs. Brown Cow. "Moo, moo, no wonder."

"No wonder," said Mrs. Brown and White Cow. "Moo, moo, no wonder."

Dutiful

Employer—Why didn't you come when I rang?

Office Boy—Because I didn't hear the bell.

Hereafter, when you don't hear the bell you must come and tell me so!

"Yes, sir," was the dutiful answer.

He Did

Teacher—Do you know who built the ark?

Johnnie—No—ah.

Teacher—Correct.—Allston Recorder.

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Correspondence Given Personal Attention

W. H. FORST, Mfrg. SCOTSDALE, PENNA.

Ancient Civilization

East Indians have always been proud of their age-old civilization, and they believe that it is as ancient as any in Asia. Archeology has now discovered definite monumental evidence to justify their belief. Knowledge of Indian antiquities had previously extended up to 2,500 years, but now, in the light of fresh discoveries, this period is doubled, and it is apparent that 5,000 years ago the Indians were living in well-built cities and were in possession of a relatively mature civilization with a high standard of art and craftsmanship, according to a special correspondence from Bombay to the Christian Science Monitor.

Japanese Woman Physician

Mme. Chikako Kuroda, the first woman to receive a medical degree from any school in Japan, has just entered upon the practice of her profession in Tokyo.

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Most men are more willing to indulge in easy vices than to practice laborious virtues.

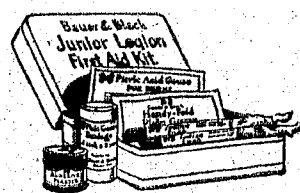
It is a great argument in a man's favor to have shown moderation on both sides.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1925.

BEGIN THE BATTLE EARLY

In the national election of 1924 over six million votes were cast for a party having for its chief plank a plan to make the Supreme Court of the United States subservient to the whims of Congress. It was a dangerous experiment to propose in a representative government, yet the movement carried the election in a number of large cities showing there is a grave danger confronting this country unless positive steps are taken to curb its further spread before another election day rolls around.

It is all very well to be tolerant with those who would preach strange doctrines, for the constitution is based upon the privilege of free speech, but when any man or set of men counsel the overthrow of the supremacy of the judiciary it is high time they were summarily dealt with. In the rural districts of the country there is very little to be heard about socialism, for homeowners are capitalists in the soviet sense, and capitalists are not supposed to be in sympathy with the teachings of the "committee of 48."

We are missing a wonderful opportunity if we do not commence our campaign of education now, instead of waiting until the spring of 1928. A movement, that in less than six months of active campaigning can attract six million followers, should demand our closest attention. We will do well to teach continuously from every pulpit and platform the doctrines of Americanism, to literally shout it from the housetops, lest the people warm this reptile of communism in their bosom, only to awaken too late to prevent the serpent's deadly sting.

THE PEDDLER NUISANCE

The way to stop any nuisance is to kill while it's new. The season for peddlers is just starting. Make it a habit at your house to show they are unwelcome from the start, not only because they ordinarily handle inferior goods, not only because by admitting them you are laying yourself open to insults in case you do not buy, but because it is an established fact that in many cases petty robberies and house breaking follow visits of these peddlers. No possible good can come by allowing them to use up your time and much harm may follow.

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MR. SOMEBODY DON'T KNOW

HEALTH NOTES.

Veneral Disease. 80 cases? Who said so? Mr. Somebody. How does he know? He does not know, 80 cases, that is terrible. Last week Mr. Somebody said it was 40. It must be spreading terribly fast. At that rate everybody in town will have it soon. What are we going to do about it? Before we can stop it we must learn how it spreads.

How does it spread any way? Let's get some truth about it. The State Department of Health (not Mr. Somebody), says that it is spread by the use of the "common drinking cup", by careless use of public toilets, the use of the common towel, or by dishes, as cups or spoons used by a person who has veneral sores in the mouth, by kissing, by close contact, by improper personal relationship. Tuberculosis and all children's diseases are spread by the same means. The germs of tuberculosis and scarlet fever are harder to kill than those of veneral diseases.

It is for this reason that the State forbids the use of common drinking cups on the trains and at public pumps. For this reason paper towels are provided at schools and other such places. None of the dangerous conditions need exist. All diseases can be largely prevented by sanitation and veneral disease is absolutely preventable by plain cleanliness and sanitation and decency. It does not spread thru the air nor by books or any ordinary daily association.

Mr. Somebody wants to take his children out of school. Don't cheat your children of their education, Mr. Somebody, on hear-say. Get the facts. You need not worry about the school. Veneral disease is not communicable in the classroom. If you want to know more about it write your State Board of Health and they will give you all the literature you want or answer any questions you wish to ask. If Mr. Somebody will see to who his children play or associate with and keep them off the streets after dark and be sure that Mrs. Somebody knows where her children are as all mothers should at all times, he will not only save them from veneral disease but also from moral disease that often brings them in adult life to a State Hospital or Reformatory. Institution or "bad citizenship" and his grand children from a thousand physical ills that are the result of poor home hygiene, home care and control. The result of some forms of veneral disease are carried to third and fourth generation and so are the results of poor home hygiene.

So, Mr. Somebody, teach your children to wash their hands before they eat, to keep out of their mouth all things meant to eat, such as fingers, pencils, things other people have had in their mouth (even to bad words). See that their companions are good, their manners correct and sanitary, and you will have little to fear of harm at school.

This is house cleaning time. Give your house and everything in it a good airing and sunning, and all you can do to keep it clean. Follow above direction and apply to your State Board or your doctor or your public health nurse for further instruction if you wish it. They will be glad to help you and to give you the truth, not "that they say so", about any disease. There are books and pamphlets at the Health Center for your use. Use them and fill your children's minds with truth and clean room for rods. Fill their time with useful work and play and leave no time for evil.

GEORGE BURKHARDT, FORMER FREDERIC RESIDENT PASSED AWAY IN BAY CITY.

The Bay City Times Tribune of Tuesday contained the announcement of the death of a former Frederic resident, George Burkhardt, who passed away suddenly at his home at 305 South Union street, east at 10:30 this morning. Mr. Burkhardt was 51 years old and moved to Bay City about five years ago, where he operated a gasoline filling station on the West side.

Mr. Burkhardt while at Frederic operated a hotel for many years and was well and favorably known. He is survived by his wife, who was widow of Wm. Callahan, one daughter, Elizabeth and son Kenneth. Mr. Burkhardt was a member of Grayling Council Knights of Columbus.

HARD TO BELIEVE.

An anomaly in the democratic ideas of the United States is our tolerance of the tax exempt bond which permits one man to escape tax free at the expense of others who must pay taxes for him, as well as their own. Do we think?

He: "Dearest, will you marry me?" She: "John, I can't marry you, but I shall always respect your good taste."

A downstate legislator, when informed his wife had presented him with triplets, immediately announced he was in favor of reappointment.

G.—H.—S. "PEP"

SCHOOL NOTES

Editors:

Maude Taylor and Nina Sorenson.

The annual Junior Prom was given by the Junior class in honor of the Seniors of '25, last Friday evening in the High School gymnasium.

The hall and gym being decorated very beautifully with white lattice work and flowers, representing a flower garden.

Dancing began at nine o'clock and in the latter part of the evening a program was as follows:

Herman Hanson.....Violin solo.
Miss LaSalle.....soprano.
Laura Jean Bowman.....The Dance.
Gertrude Leskos and Beatrice Tru-
do....."Sailors hornpipe" (dance).

Balloons and confetti was distributed among the crowd of laughing partners. Everyone seemed to enjoy throwing the confetti. A delicious lunch was served which was indeed refreshing to all, after which, dancing continued till two o'clock.

The Juniors showed good taste in selecting the trimmings, and their advisor, Miss Mabel Fox, has the best compliments of everyone that was present on her management of the entire evening.

Grade News

Imogene and Emma Conway have left school, their family having moved to Bay City.

Bernard Conklin has also left the Grayling school.

The 6B are studying Helen Keller in History; they are also making Reading Review Booklets over the stories they have read this year. The following have been neither tardy nor absent from the 5A-6B room:

1. Lillian Ahman.
 2. Marquita Land.
 3. Eleanor Land.
 4. Clemon McEwen.
 5. Nels Olson.
 6. Helen Pend.
- The following have been tardy but not absent:
1. Devere T.
 2. Farrell.
 3. Marie.

The 6B Language class have been writing letters, and the following one was chosen to be the best and most original:

Grayling, Mich.
April 16, 1925.

Dear Mr. Bates:

Will you please tell my school room, 6B, about how the Government helps and girls save their money, because they are spending too much for candy and gum and other good things that are foolish. Because if another war should come, why, our room would be out of luck.

Your friend,
Eugene Salisbury.

The fourth grade has written a play from the story of "Rumpelstiltskin."

A story told in 4A-5B room: One: "What kind of fruit does a man like best?" Other: A pair and a peach.

The Senior class have held two class meetings this week. Mr. Smith spoke at the first meeting.

Fona Uncle: "Do you like riding on my knee very much?" Niece: "Oh, No, I have ridden a real donkey!"

Father no longer slips in late at night. He breezes in confident the others are not there to hear him.

The first time he went to church they threw water on him. The second time they threw rice on him. The last time they threw dirt on him.

How It Started. At any rate, Mrs. Murphy, no one can say I'm two-faced. "Faith, No, Mrs. Jones. 'Sure an' if yer were, you'd leave that 'un at home."

Slight Chance Nowadays. The Man (having surrendered his seat): "I beg your pardon!" The girl: "I didn't speak!" The Man: "Sorry, I'm sure. I thought you said thank you!"

Elsie: "Shall I put on my mackintosh, and run out and post those letters, mother?" Mother: "No, dear, it's not fit for a dog to be out in a night like this. Let your father post them."

Clerk: "Now that you've seen all the store, which one do you wish?" Lady: "Well, I was only looking for a friend and didn't expect to buy." Clerk: "Well, ma'am, if you think she's in that remaining blanket up there, I'll take it down for you."

Pupil in Domestic Art class: "I wonder where all the pins go to." Miss Sprague: "You never can tell. They're headed one way and pointed the other."

Doings of the Legislature

(By Ed. Nowack)

Lansing—With the new reapportionment measure for Wayne county passed by the senate and now before house; with a salary increase for legislators of but \$400 for two years passed by the house and before the senate; with the primary school fund reapportionment bill signed by the governor and the absolute assurance that the new northern-state normal bill will be passed by the senate, legislative measures are bounding along to early completion.

On Thursday the senate by a vote of 26 to 5 passed the Howarth reapportionment bill giving Wayne 21 representatives. Senators Butler, Genesee and Saginaw, each three. Two each for Berrien, Calhoun, Houghton, Ingham, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Oakland and St. Clair.

One each for Allegan, Barry, Branch, Cass, Chippewa, Clinton, Delta, Dickinson, Eaton, Gogebic, Grand Traverse, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ionia, Iron, Isabella, Lapeer, Macomb, Manistee, Mason, Menominee, Monroe, Montcalm, St. Joseph, Sanilac, Tuscola, VanBuren, Washtenaw, Lenawee, Ottawa, Marquette, Livingston and Shiawassee.

These counties, as combined, would have a representative:

Oceana and Newaygo; Osceola and Clare; Gladwin and Midland; Ogemaw, Iosco and Arenac; Alpena and Alcona; Montmorency, Presque Isle, Oscoda, Crawford and Roscommon; Kalamazoo, Antrim and Missaukee; Wexford and Benzie; Leelanau and Charlevoix; Emmet and Mackinac; Cheboygan and Otsego; Alger, Schoolcraft and Luce; Ontonagon, Keeweenaw and Baraga; Lake and Mecosta.

On motion of Rep. Milton Palmer of Detroit the joint resolution increasing the pay of legislators from \$800 for two years to \$1,200 was finally passed after two amendments. This matter being a constitutional amendment goes before the voters for ratification at the 1926 general election. The vote on this matter was 81 to 17. There was but little oratory. Among those who voted No were several representatives who have stated they will not make an effort to return and who took the position that the salary they have received in the past would be sufficient for their successors. Rep. John Holland, Gogebic perhaps the hardest fighter in the house, spoke against the bill. After the vote was announced he arose and after complimenting Wayne county's representation for their fight to increase the salary to help out those who live at more distant points and who find it necessary to stay here week in and week out, he stated he would vote for reapportionment.

Gov. Groesbeck signed the primary school fund reapportionment bill known as the Bohn-Turner-Carter bill. This will add many of the poor cities as well as many of the smaller cities in the state. Coincident with signing the bill the governor issued this statement:

"This bill squarely raises the issue as to whether the legislature has power to provide for the apportionment of primary school money on any basis other than the number of children of school age residing in the school districts of the state—in other words whether this act conflicts with Section 9 of Article 11 of the Constitution which provides for the distribution of these moneys according to school population. For the purpose of having this question definitely determined by the Supreme court, the act will be signed."

Up state senators state they have the absolute pledge of the senate to pass the new state normal bill for which 21 towns and cities in northern Michigan are thriving.

A large number of house and senate bills have been passed and with the reapportionment matter settled the legislature will adjourn by the last of the month according to those in a position to know.

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to our friends and the friends of our mother, daughter and sister, for the many acts of kindness, and for the many sincere expressions of sympathy extended at the time of her illness and death.

John and Bernard Conklin, Mrs. Mary Goudrow, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Collins.

THE CHARACTER OF A TOWN. (E. M. T. Service)

A town has a character just as an individual has. The visitor to a town senses its character almost at once. Self-esteem is an asset that contributes much to the character of a town.

The atmosphere of a town either uplifts or depresses the visitor. If it is depressing, the town suffers, because the visitor is going to tell others of his reactions. If the visitor is favorably impressed, the chances are that he will become a profitable patron, if not a permanent one.

Our town—every town—suffers sometimes because we are too close to it ourselves. We grow accustomed to things as they are. The disfiguring sign that we resented so when we first noticed it, no longer it bothers us. We viewed it intently at first now we hardly notice it. Custom—seeing it every day—has deadened our aesthetic sense.

It is, however, blantly in evidence to the eye of the visitor. It irritates him and because it is an irritation it affects him in a positive manner. The effect upon him is bound to reflect disagreeably upon the town.

Let's get things in shape so that the tourist will get only the best impression of our town. Let's erase some of the old eye-sores—let's dress up the old town!

Men and women who want to secure re-assignment of lenses on the St. Clair flats will have to produce statements setting forth the character of their business, references, home address and such things. By going in to the records of the persons making such requests the state hopes to prevent many re-assignments which have been made, it is charged, for the sole purpose of obtaining advantageous locations for boot-legging operations.

Fire Sale

Still Continues

Jewelry, Clocks, Ladies' Dresses, Ivory goods, Coats and Sweaters, Greeting Cards, Party Dresses, Cut Glass, Books, Corsets and Brassieres, Candle Sticks, Infants wear, Vases in Poly Linen Scarfs, Chrome and Pottery, Beads and Buffet Sets, Under-arm Bags, Hosiery, Gloves, Stamped goods.

This Sale will continue until all stock is disposed of.

Thru the kindness of one of our firms we have received a shipment of

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that we can put in on this sale at really fine prices.

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Redson & Cooley

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Classified Ads

COOK WANTED—AT HOUGHTON Lake Lodge. For particulars inquire of Holger F. Peterson, Grayling, Mich.

FOR SALE—DINING TABLE AND buffet, also a table suitable for cottage. Inquire at this office.

LOST—I LOST MY BLACK AND white kitty and would like him back. Address Dorothy Peck or Phone 731.

FOR SALE—MODERN HOME ON Peninsular avenue, cottage at Lake Margrethe, vacant lot next to Shoppemagon Annex, 13 lots in Roffee's addition and farm property. Inquire of or address Mrs. Rosa Joseph, Grayling.

FOR SALE—FRESH COW FOR sale \$40. Inquire Mrs. Demko at the Moon farm Beaver Creek.

FOR RENT—TWO SUITES of rooms, nicely located, clean and comfortable. Apply at Avalanche Office.

FOR SALE—260 ACRE FARM IN hard wood, South Branch township, Crawford Co. Payment down, Terms. For particulars address Mrs. Jennie Richardson, Roscommon, 4-23-2.

FOR SALE—\$35, \$5 DOWN \$3 PER month buys a corner lot 70x120 ft., on Madison ave., near school. Emmet C. Reel N. W. 28th St. 11th ave. Miami, Fla. 4-2-4

FOR SALE—780 ACRES WITH improvements; 150 acres cleared in Beaver Creek township. If sold at once \$5,000. \$1,000 down. Also 8 acres with one double house and one five room cottage adjoining hospital, for sale cheap with small cash payment. Make offer; address: L. C. Nielsen, 2106 East 5th St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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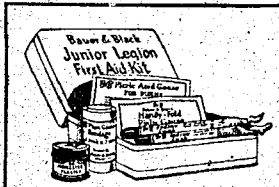


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Call at this store this week—during Boys and Girls First Aid Week—and ask us about this wonderful offer made by Bauer & Black.

The distinguished house of Bauer & Black—which makes first aid supplies for homes, hospitals and doctors, throughout the world—is going to give 500 ten-dollar gold pieces to the 500 boys and girls who render the best first aid service during 1925!

And this store wants to help any boy or girl to earn one of these ten-dollar cartwheels!



This First Aid Kit Free—
To every boy and girl who joins the Junior First Aid Legion—Membership, 12c.

You will receive from Bauer & Black a handsome membership button—a kit of first aid supplies—and a book that tells you just what to do when an accident happens while waiting for the doctor.

Perhaps this membership in The Legion may be the means of enabling you to save a life—besides winning one of the ten-dollar gold pieces!

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Locals

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1925.

Tomorrow is the first day of fishing season.
Floyd McClain motored to Petoskey on business this morning.
Dr. A. L. Rose and family of Cadillac, spent Sunday with R. E. Goslow.

Miss Viva Hoesli was the guest of Mrs. Robert Ogden of Roscommon over the week end.

Miss Edna Taylor of Detroit motored to Grayling Sunday, visiting her father Oscar Taylor.

There will be a regular meeting of Grayling chapter O. E. S. No. 83 Wednesday evening May 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. James McNeven and daughters visited the latter's mother and brother at I. Wells Sunday.

A. E. Michelson of Detroit was in Grayling for a few days the latter part of the week on business.

W. W. Lewis spent Sunday visiting at his home in Lansing.

Born to Mrs. Bernard Sorenson a daughter, Saturday, April 25th.

Mrs. Ollie McLeod returned Saturday from a week's visit in Detroit.

Mrs. Jess Sales of Detroit is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Nelson.

Hans Niederer is away from his place of business owing to an attack of the "flu".

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tiffin, Jr. and Emory Craft and family spent Sunday in Rose City.

Mrs. Ebern Hanson, returned from Detroit Friday, accompanied by Mrs. Olaf Michelson who remained as her house guest.

Miss Kathryn Clark is able to be out again, after being detained at her home with a siege of illness, as the result of a bad cold.

Detectives Gleason and Fitzgerald of the Michigan Central Railroad company were in Grayling "rounding up" some delinquents for the company.

Mrs. Elmer Lundstrom and little daughter of Manistique are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lewis, Mrs. Lundstrom is a sister of Mrs. Lewis.

The Ladies Aid society of the Michelson Memorial church will meet at the Danebod hall on Friday afternoon, May 1st. A large attendance is desired.

Mrs. Frank Whipple, who has been ill for over a year and under the doctor's care most of that time, is in a precarious condition at this time at her home.

If the weather permits the Citizens Band will play their first open air concert for the season in the band stand in the Court house park, Friday evening.

Many of those owning cottages at Lake Margrethe and along the AuSable are renovating the places and getting them cleaned up and ready to open for the season.

The Danish Reading club met at the home of Mrs. Peter Robertson last Thursday afternoon for their regular meeting. The afternoon coffee was enjoyed after the readings.

Mrs. A. J. Joseph was hostess to the ladies of the Bridge club Saturday afternoon. Four tables were filled for bridge. Miss Bauman and Mrs. J. K. Hanson held the high scores.

Mrs. Olaf Michelson of Detroit, Mrs. A. M. Lewis and Mrs. J. K. Hanson were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Zalsman left Wednesday a. m. for Big Rapids to visit friends and Mr. Zalsman will attend an annual meeting of the past-masters of Big Rapids Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he is a member.

A. B. Felling, after several days as a student in the local A. & P. store under Manager Earl Dawson, has been made manager of one of the company's chain stores at Rogers City, beginning his duties this week.

All members of the Red Cross nursing committee, especially the supervisors of the several townships of Crawford county are urged to attend the regular monthly meeting of the nursing committee, Tuesday, May 5th at 4 o'clock p. m. at the Health center.

To honor her guest Mrs. Olaf Michelson, Mrs. Ebern Hanson entertained a number of ladies and gentlemen informally Tuesday evening. Cards were the pleasure of the evening Mrs. A. M. Lewis, A. J. Joseph and Carl Johnson holding the highest scores. Mrs. Michelson received the guest price.

Johannes Rasmussen and wife, who recently came back to Grayling from Cadillac to reside, after a couple of years absence, purchased the John Wahlstrom home on Park street last week and have moved in. Mr. and Mrs. Wahlstrom have accepted the position of caretakers at the Murry Club on the Ausable and have moved there.

Now is the time to order that flag to be in harmony with the business places, who have flags to display on the various patriotic holidays. Decoration day comes next so leave your order now with any member of the local Post American Legion so get same in time for that day. The price is \$4.85 installed.

Mrs. Minnie Daugherty spent Sunday with relatives in Au Gres and Twinning.

E. J. Clark and Dolph Sancier and their wives spent the week end in Cheboygan.

The Standard Oil Company have leased the J. F. Smith service station on Cedar Street.

Mrs. Cameron Game of Detroit visited Grayling friends here the fore part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Atkinson of Bay City are visiting their son Marshall and family.

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A. E. Michelson of Detroit was in the city over the week end, spending part of his time at the Sunrise club in the AuSable.

Mrs. Bert Chappel and Mrs. Alvin LaChapelle and children left Wednesday for Detroit to visit friends and relatives for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McLeod returned Sunday night to Birchwood, after spending the winter in the southern part of the state.

Martin Maxwell, wife and son, and Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Brown were in Manton Sunday to attend the quarterly meeting of the F. M. church.

Mrs. George Burke at the last regular meeting of the Red Cross Nursing committee was appointed chairman of the Civic Welfare committee.

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Miss Sadie Vallad was greeted by the members of her Sunday school class Tuesday evening in honor of her birthday anniversary that day. It was a pleasant affair and enjoyed by all.

Ed. Cooper, who for the past couple of years has been working for the M. C. railroad out of Jackson, has been transferred to this division, and will make his headquarters in Grayling.

Mrs. Roy Peppeler, age 45 years, of Cheboygan, passed away at Grayling Mercy hospital early Tuesday afternoon after being a patient at the hospital nine days. The remains were taken to Cheboygan.

To celebrate her birthday anniversary Miss Marguerite Montour entertained a number of her friends at her home last evening. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess, and a pleasant evening spent by all.

Col. LeRoy Pearson and Colonel Bersey of the State Military Department at Lansing were in Grayling the fore part of the week and went over the State Military reservation at Lake Margrethe, inspecting its condition.

Miss Ella Hermann, accompanied by Mr. William Masten, motored from Port Hope and spent the week end visiting her mother Mrs. A. Hermann. Mr. Masten is principal of the Port Hope schools, of which Miss Hermann is teacher.

Miss Rosanna Case is home for a few days visit from Cheboygan, where she has been employed in a beauty parlor. She was accompanied here Saturday by Miss Hazel Walker, who came to spend Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Arnold Burrows.

Miss Elaine Reagan made a charming hostess to a number of her young friends last Friday afternoon, inviting them to help her celebrate her birthday anniversary. The children had a happy time and enjoyed the dainty lunch served by Mrs. Reagan.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Case, who have been caretakers at the Murray club for the past couple of years are leaving Grayling, the latter going to visit relatives in Medina, Ohio, a week or more ago. Mr. Case is still in the city but expects to leave soon. They have not decided just where they will locate.

Grayling American Legion Post 106 were visited at their regular meeting last Monday evening by five members of the Mio post. They came to see how Grayling Post conducts their meetings and have invited the local members to make them a visit in the near future, so to "pep" up their members and get them interested in the organization.

Through the efforts of the Nursing Committee of the Red Cross, Miss Hutzell of State Health Dept. has been procured to speak through out the county to mothers and daughters. She will speak in Grayling Wednesday May 6th at the school Auditorium.

Miss Hutzell is a very pleasing speaker and her experience in this line of work makes her speak with authority. It is hoped that a large audience will greet Miss Hutzell.

About 25 or 30 members of Houghton Lake Chapter of Isaak Walton League of Roscommon will come to Grayling next week Wednesday, May 6th to assist the local sportsmen to organize a chapter in this county.

Local plans are not yet determined upon however it is expected that there will be a dinner at 8:00 p. m. and meeting at the Board of Trade rooms. As the time for publicity is short the Avalanche takes the authority of inviting every person in the county who may be interested in fishing and hunting and the conservation of wild life, forests, etc. to attend this meeting.

Engineer H. J. Andrews of the Department of Conservation, Lansing, was in this region last week and, assisted by Deputy Game Warden John H. Speck, of this city, made an inspection tour of the tower system, arranging to have all connected by telephone. There are five towers in Crawford County and 13 in the district composed of Crawford, Kalamazoo, Roscommon and Missaukee counties. A number of the towers are already connected by phone and work is now under progress to complete the circuit, which should be a strong factor in the protection our forests against destructive fires.

Many good things are in store for the people of the community in the interest of health. During the second week of May is expected that toxin-anti-toxin will be given to all children of the county, who have not had it. The state urges that all children have this immunizing serum, but first permission slips are to be signed by the parents before a child may have it. The work will be financed by the townships and will cost the child nothing. On May 23rd, a chest clinic will be put on by the State Tuberculosis association, financed by the state's portion of the money received from Crawford county, derived from the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals. And from June 8th to 12th a pre-school clinic will be held.

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WHAT STATE LAW MAKERS ARE DOING

Passage of Bills Permits Detroit To Plan Transit Lines

Lansing, Mich.

With the Callender Rapid Transit Bill passed by both houses of the Legislature and the Darin Super-Highway bill passed by the House and apparently sure of passage in the Senate, Detroit is in a position to go ahead with the plans of the Rapid Transit commission if the voters so desire.

Erroneous reports from Lansing that the Callender Bill contained limitations which would prohibit Detroit spending more than \$60,000,000 for a rapid transit system, or approximately 12 miles of subways, disburbed the Rapid Transit Commission. The Wayne delegation agreed after talks by leading manufacturers and businessmen, to support the Callender Bill without any limitations on special assessments, which meant an act permitting Detroit to build a 40-mile system costing \$200,000,000 if the voters wanted it.

Previously members of the Wayne delegation had written into the new draft of the bill, as prepared for the Governor after the commission's original bill was found unsatisfactory by him, a provision limiting special assessments. The Governor's draft contained no such limitation.

Reapportionment of representative seats in the legislature was agreed to by the house of representatives by a vote of 58 to 29.

Under the Howarth bill Wayne county will be entitled to 21 seats in the next legislature, instead of just 14 as at present.

The vote ended a bitter legislative battle that has been unrelenting in its intensity for two years. Harsh personal recriminations have been passed. Other legislation has been sacrificed by one side or the other as they pressed for victory.

And even as the anti-reapportionists conceded defeat, they lashed at the governor, the lieutenant governor and members of the legislature who have persistently fought for reapportionment with verbal invective that stung.

The Wood Bill to reapportion the Senate, is still in the House Apportionment Committee. Gov. Groesbeck who made a personal issue of Wayne county's demand for Constitutional representation and brought about the passage of the Howarth bill is already working for the enactment of the Wood Bill. If it passes, all of the Constitution's demands will have been met.

The House passed the Evans Bill designed to curb extravagance in municipal improvements and to regulate municipal bond issues. The measure was part of the administration tax program. It has gone to the senate. The important features of the bill are those which insist that municipalities must provide adequate funds for the retirement of bonds. Bonds must either be issued serially or a sinking fund must be built up, periodically and consistently. The state treasurer would be required to approve all bond issues.

Michigan Federation of Labor workers' compensation bill has been killed. The committee on labor, by secret ballot voted against reporting the bill out on the floor for consideration of the house as a whole. The vote was nine to three. The committee split on the issue of amending the measure before placing it before the house. John Crutchfield, of Saginaw, a miner, and Edward R. Carter, of Delta county, freight brakeman, stood firm against any amendment.

The second of the trio of railroad bus bills introduced by Senator Horatio H. Karcher, of Rose City, was passed by the Senate by a vote of 20 to 7. The bill gives steam or electric railroads permission to establish motor bus or truck lines in conjunction with or supplanting their rail lines. It was originally provided that they could be established in extension of the rail lines, but that provision was killed in committee.

The state's prohibition enforcement in Wayne county and other parts of the state will be crippled as the result of the house's action on the department of safety budget. The house passed the senate bill giving the department only \$450,000 for the next two years. More than \$1,500,000 was asked. The \$450,000 appropriation is little more than what is needed for work other than prohibition enforcement.

Opposition to the vast appropriations being made by the legislature without providing the funds to meet them, has appeared in the House. Rep. Loomis K. Preston, of Berrien county, objected when the House adopted 16 measures carrying more than \$3,000,000 without the formality of discussion or a record roll call. The failure of the legislature to attach tax clauses to scores of building appropriation bills promises to force the State administration to increase the State tax rate next year.

A bill to license chiropractors met defeat in a senate committee. It was introduced by Senator David Butler.

Representative Cora Reynolds Anderson's "Beauty Parlor" Bill went down to defeat in the general landslide accompanying the de-thronement of Charles Culver of Detroit, as chairman of the Wayne delegation in anything save name. Culver's connection with the bill was credited with causing the defeat, which was by a vote of 44 to 42.

Michigan Happenings

Two unmasked young men staged a bold daylight robbery when they entered the Bank of Custer at Custer, three miles east of Scottville, and escaped with \$1,600 in cash. The teller, Edward Doe, a brother of the cashier, John O. Doe, was alone in the bank when the bandits entered. One asked for change and when Doe turned the men shoved pistols through the wicket and demanded all the cash in the vault. In scooping up the cash the bandits overlooked \$5,000 in Liberty bonds and securities. Doe sounded the burglar alarm but the robbers escaped.

George Springer, deputy sheriff and town marshal of Plymouth, announced that he is organizing a posse to exterminate a pack of wild dogs that has become a menace to property and stock in the vicinity of Plymouth, less than 25 miles from the heart of Detroit. "There are about 20 dogs of all kinds in the pack, and we believe they are the descendants of a female Air-dale that went wild here about 10 years ago," Springer said. The Air-dale lived in a burrow in a hilly wood lot located five miles northeast of Plymouth.

Having successfully dodged the long arm of the law for six years, Sylvester Thornburg, who escaped after being sentenced to life in Jackson prison, walked into the warden's office the other day and gave himself up. Thornburg says he has been wandering through western United States since he escaped in 1918. He recently spent a long time in Colorado, where he began to brood over the fact that he was a "hunted man." Thornburg was convicted of murder in Cass county in 1916.

O. O. Rowe, a farmer living northeast of Ypsilanti, notified Chief of Police Connors that he had found a bundle of checks amounting to more than \$500 in a sack in one of his fields. An investigation by Chief Connors disclosed that the checks were part of the loot stolen from the Ann Arbor office of the Connors Ice Cream company recently. The checks were weighted with rocks apparently having been thrown from a passing automobile.

Harold Streator, 12 years old, a member of the safety patrol at the Greenwood Park grade school, at Jackson, who recently saved the life of a schoolboy chum in imminent danger of being crushed to death by a street car, was presented with a distinguished service medal of gold. The donor of the medal was the Detroit Automobile Club, which maintains a branch office in this city.

A price parity held at Grand Rapids by Western Michigan canners and fruit growers failed to bring about an agreement regarding prices for fruits delivered at canning plants during the coming season. The uncertainty of fruit prospects and the condition of the canned goods market combined to advise against determination of contract prices at this time, it was explained.

James Bannister, of Barryton, has been arrested and arraigned on a warrant charging embezzlement, the result of a shortage in his returns as a potato agent of the William Chase Co. of Greenville. The examination was set for April 28 in the Justice court at Big Rapids. The amount involved, it is charged is \$553.

Said to have been disappointed in love, and to have met the stern disapproval of the girl's mother, James Wade, of Ypsilanti, attempted to kill himself in front of his sweetheart's home by drinking poison, according to the police. Wade's condition is not serious.

Of considerable importance to the potato growers of Michigan and their allied interests, is the recent formation of a committee at the Michigan Agricultural College to consolidate and direct all inspection work on certified potato seed throughout the state.

The United States Weather Bureau station at Alpena, has established a program of daily broadcasting by radio for the benefit of lake vessels. Recalls and warnings are sent out through Station WLC, operated by the Michigan Limestone & Chemical Co.

Clayton Nickles, Muskegon Heights high school artist, has been invited to join the younger artists colony at the Midway Studios, Chicago. The invitation came from Lorado Taft, noted sculptor.

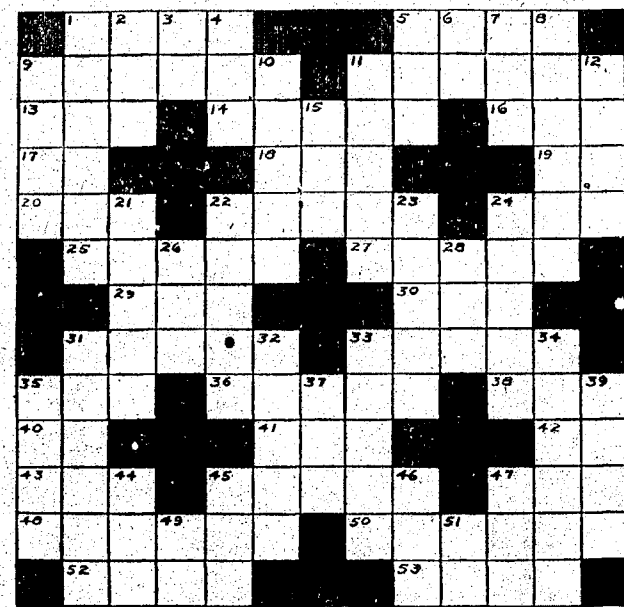
The county agent has sent out a warning to all orchardists in Ottawa County telling them to spray their trees. The cause for the alarm is the appearance in large numbers of the aphid bug.

The Michigan State Normal College has prepared a list of 10 teachers of physical education who will graduate from the college in June, and has sent a copy of this list to every school superintendent in the state.

Three sections of cut-over hardwood land is offered to the Isaac Walton League chapter of Cadillac, as a municipal reforesting grounds. The offer was made by W. L. Saunders, a Cadillac lumberman.

Mrs. Philomene Pelon, 86 years old, who leaves 104 direct descendants, died at her home at Menominee. She was born in Canada in 1839 and came there in 1873. She leaves two sons, five daughters, 41 grandchildren and 56 great grandchildren.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

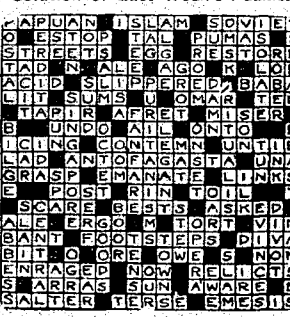


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- Horizontal.**
- Tread on
 - A biblical character
 - Extravagant meeting place
 - Musical instrument
 - Announce
 - To dress up
 - Postic abbreviation
 - A municipal power
 - Very dark
 - Sweet
 - Psychological phenomenon
 - Tree
 - Girl's name
 - Pointed instrument
 - Debt
 - Girl's name
 - Dentist (abbr.)
 - Obtained again
 - With facility
 - Landlord's delight
 - To guzzle
- Vertical.**
- Pilable
 - Beverage
 - High temperature
 - Vehicle
 - Forceful article
 - Better arranged
 - Habit
 - Birth
 - A tiller of the soil
 - Youth
 - Beyond comprehension
 - Money
 - Strong medicine
 - Devoted lady
 - Procure
 - Mediterranean island
 - Difficult of solution
 - Sound noise
 - A pointed tool
 - Inquisitive
 - Hard drinker
 - Incline
 - Therefore
 - Whip
 - Wrap

The solution will appear in next issue.

Solution of Last Week's Puzzle.



HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "Horizontal" defines a word which will fill the first black square to the right, and a number under "Vertical" defines a word which will fill the first black square to the left. No letters go in the black squares. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

HARBORD TELLS OF GOLDEN AFTERNOON

Colonel Davies, with whom I have many tastes in common, and I had decided to have lunch together at the Tour d'Argent, Paris, then duck No. 48,921, I believe, and then go to Brentano's and pore over the old books. Major General Harbord writes in the Saturday Evening Post.

Davies is fond of Napoleon, as I am also. He is a man of wealth and he bought what he saw that he liked. He tossed into a pile book values that would have been earnest subject of prayerful deliberation with me for half a year, left \$100 with Brentano for the afternoon's work, and gave me about half the books he bought—old rare editions of "History of the Bastille," "Martyrs of the Bastille," and so on.

We went to his room at the Ritz and glanced a few glances, and then attended a tea given by Mrs. Sharp, wife of the ambassador. For dinner we went to the little cozy apartment of Colonel and Mrs. Boyd, and after dinner we went to a circus and saw a very interesting performance—two good acts with trained Arab horses, especially.

Dangerous Job

News photographers are accustomed to working in dangerous places, but G. A. Shoemaker, of the army air service, is said to be the only one who risks his life regularly by falling in order to take pictures, says Popular Science Monthly.

With three small motion-picture cameras strapped to his back, belt and a parachute on his back, this daring photographer, a senior instructor in parachute jumping, leaps from the wing of a Martin bomber.

As he falls, he looks about him calmly, taking photographs of bits of scenery or other objects of interest. If the parachute opens properly and he lands safely, he then has for sale several photographs that are of unusual value and interest.

Finds Guests Honest

At Pearsall, Texas, the sheriff of the county, H. L. Brooks, has put into operation a "help yourself" hotel and the guests appear to like it. The guests register without assistance, erasing from a nearby blackboard the number of the room they select. When they leave after a day or a month, they put the money to pay for their stay in an envelope and drop it into a locked box near the door. The hotel owner seldom appears, there is no cashier and servants give unobtrusive service. Mr. Brooks says he has been cheated out of only \$2 thus far.

Thrifty Arabs

Tourists who visit Arabia pay large sums of money and risk being roasted by the sun in order to see not only the "Garden of Eden," but the "tomb of Cain." For a few good dollars one may buy a spoonful of the actual corn that "Yusef" stored up for Pharaoh against famine. The only trouble is that travelers really believe the stories.

POTATO LOOKED ON AS RARE DELICACY

The potato went through a long season of doubt and suspicion before it was accepted as a wholesome article of diet by the British consumer. A Seventeenth century Scot's treatise on "Husbandry Anatomized" had recommended the cultivation of the potato on a large scale, with hints as to its preparation for the table. But it was long before the potato emerged from the sphere of tentative horticulture. It continued to sell by the ounce as a rare delicacy; and as late as 1740 two sackfuls of potatoes sufficed on a market day for the 5,000 inhabitants of Paisley. Consternation reigned in South Ulster when the chief of the clan proposed to cultivate a potato crop, and only under threat of imprisonment were the inhabitants induced to lend their aid for the sowing. Years of famine played their part in reconciling the Highland crofters to the consumption of this unbecomingly new-fangled product. Montreal Family Herald.

Going a-Milking

The farmer's pink-cheeked daughter was coming up the lane. She was clad in a grimy pair of overalls, from the pockets of which bulged bunches of waste and sundry wrenches and pliers. In her hand was a dirty satchel rattling with an assortment of iron tools.

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?" I asked.

"I'm going a-milkin', sir," she said.

"But why the tools?"

"Trouble," she said, "with that darned old milking machine again."—Life.

Polka Revival Attempted

Farmers in the Marysboro district of England have attempted to revive the polka, and other old-time dances, much to the joy of the younger generation, who seemed willing to drop the modern steps somewhat upon being taught the polka and the lancers by the older dancers. William Smith inaugurated the novelty at a dancing hall, with the aid of the more mature residents of the community.

Crow an Ideal Thief

The crow is an ideal thief. It never brings its job. Naturalists say that it can carry away the egg of another bird without spilling a drop of the contents. To do this it accomplishes another difficult feat, that of driving its bill partially through the egg without breaking the shell on the other side.

Children and Religion

While men believe in the possibilities of children being religious, they are largely failing to make them so, because they are offering them not a child's but a man's religion—men's forms of truth and men's forms of experience.—Philip Brooks.

Burning the Noose

"Jack says he has sworn off smoking cigars."

"Yes, I rather thought from the smell he had started smoking rope."

Work's Lubricant

Elbow grease holds down more jobs than soft soap.—Progressive Grocer.

NEWS DISPATCHES FROM EVERYWHERE

U. S. and Canada Order Survey Of St. Lawrence River Waterway Project

Washington—After negotiations of more than a year, the way has been cleared for active undertaking of the engineering survey of the St. Lawrence River deep waterway project through final agreement between the United States and Canadian governments on instructions to govern the joint engineering board's duty of the problem.

The final draft of instructions to the board, made public simultaneously in Washington and Ottawa with the complete correspondence in the negotiations, showed a compromise finally was reached in the matter of water diversions to be considered in studying the power possibilities of the project.

By this the joint board is directed to consider in its study the effect of natural water levels in the St. Lawrence River of water diversions from the Great Lakes or the river, made under license of either government.

Secretary Hoover, chairman of the St. Lawrence commission appointed by President Coolidge, declared the completion of the negotiations marked a decided step forward in the progress toward determination of the feasibility of the St. Lawrence project and a final solution of the problem of finding the best route from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic.

Battle Lines All Ready

Honolulu—The Island of Oahu, far flung western outpost of the United States and key to the nation's web of defense in the Pacific has been transformed by the Black forces, defending the islands from an attacking fleet, into a veritable armed camp, in preparation for the greatest war maneuvers ever staged.

Just as the Blue fleet, which is steaming toward the islands from the east in an attempt to recapture the island from the land forces, was traveling under war conditions as far as possible, the army shore defenses have been arranged along lines which would be drawn in defending the island against actual instead of theoretical attack.

Sensor Wheeler Acquired

Great Falls, Mont.—Senator Burton K. Wheeler, was acquitted of a charge of unlawfully using his influence as a senator before the department of the interior by a jury in federal court here.

Exactly two hours and thirteen minutes elapsed between the time the jury retired to deliberate and the time the verdict was returned. Out of this time the jury took one hour to dine. The actual time for deliberation was but a few minutes, according to court attaches.

The accused received two pieces of good news simultaneously—his acquittal and the birth to Mrs. Wheeler of a daughter in Washington.

Steamer Sinks With Crew

New York—Thirty-eight Japanese seamen, the entire crew of the Japanese steel freighter Rairiku Maru, were drowned in the raging north Atlantic seas when their ship sank as the Cunarder Tuscania and the Homer, of the White Star line, stood by, unable to help because of the heavy seas.

British Sovereigns Return

London—King George and Queen Mary have returned from their Mediterranean cruise where they have been for the king's health. His majesty appeared bronzed and vigorous. Thousands of loyal subjects lined the streets and cheered as the king was driven from Victoria station to Buckingham palace.

Use Chemicals to Break Jail

Westminster, Md.—Burning their way with acids and other chemicals through the bars of their cells and then burning through the grating of an outside window, four prisoners made their escape from the county jail here. All were charged with stealing and were awaiting trial.

Largest Dictionary Compiled

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VON HINDENBURG ELECTED PRESIDENT OF GERMANY



FIELD MARSHAL von HINDENBURG

Berlin—The people of Germany have elected General von Hindenburg, former leader of the German armies, as president of the republic with a plurality of about 845,000 votes. This has stunned the republican elements, who consider the old war chief a chair-warmer for the Hohenzollerns, a representative of the imperialist ideals which ruled Germany before the World war.

General von Hindenburg is the first president of Germany to be elected by popular ballot. He was nominated by the nationalist-conservative bloc, to replace Dr. Karl Jarres, who failed of election in the first balloting on March 29. His opponent was Dr. Wilhelm Marx, candidate of the republican bloc, adherents of the Weimar coalition, composed of centrists, socialists, and democrats. The third candidate was Ernst Thaelmann, communist.

Engineer Would Harness Tides

Fredrickton, N. B.—Dexter P. Cooper, hydraulic engineer, who has spent many years working on a super-power plan by which the tides in the Bay of Fundy would be harnessed, said here that he would present his proposals to the Dominion and provincial governments. He came here to consult Premier Veniot regarding the plan. The project would involve an estimated expenditure of \$100,000,000 and result in the development of 600,000 horsepower of electrical energy.

Ford Aid Welcomed

Washington—The postoffice department will welcome any effort by Henry Ford and his associates to improve aerial transportation. Postmaster General Harry S. New has announced. New said that he would "give them all the business" possible in the transportation of mail, but that no definite proposal has as yet been received from the American Airway, Inc., the Ford organization.

Report Unfavorable To Britain

London—The League of Nations commission which has been investigating the question of future possession of the rich oil district of Mosul in Mesopotamia has completed its report which is not entirely favorable to Great Britain. The commission is a purely advisory body, and decision now rests with the league council.

Germany Builds Highest Towers

Berlin—Two broadcasting towers are now under construction in Germany that will exceed in height all others in the country. Both will be provided with elevators, and will be used as observatories as well. One, to be located in a suburb of Berlin, will be 1,049 feet high, topping the Eiffel tower at Paris.

Will Direct Ford Airline

Chicago—Maj. R. W. Schroeder, former holder of the world's altitude record, has been appointed director of the Ford Airplane Service, with headquarters at the Ford Airport, at Dearborn. He will be in charge of all flying operations for the Stout company, including the service between the Ford factories.

Associated Press Honors Founder

New York—In recognition of his 25 years' service as president of The Associated Press, or since the organization was founded in its present form, Frank B. Noyes, of the Washington Star, was honored signally at the annual meeting.

Tacna Award Protested

Washington—President Coolidge has received a cable protest from American residents in Peru against his arbitration award in the Tacna-Arica dispute between Chile and Peru. It was announced at the state department.

Bulgaria Increases Army

Paris—The council of ambassadors has authorized Bulgaria to increase her armed forces by 7,000, the permission to extend only until the end of May for the purpose of settling present disturbances.

Bounty Placed on Crows

St. Paul, Minn.—Minnesota has outlawed the black crow when the state legislature completed passage of a bill placing a state bounty of 10 cents each on the bird.

Enforcement Drive Planned

Washington—The greatest criminal drive in the history of the government is planned by the Coolidge administration through practical merger of all federal law enforcing agencies. Every crime detecting branch of the government would be called into the drive, and their combined ranks thrown against rum runners, dope peddlers, and alien smugglers, if a program drafted is adopted. The chief objective would be to erect a barrier on all American border lines.

MARKETS

Butter and Eggs
Butter and egg markets quiet. Prices 92 score butter No. 1 creamery in tubs, 42¢@45¢ per lb. Eggs, fresh receipts, 27¢@28¢ per doz.

Feed
Feed markets fairly steady. Winter wheat bran, 35¢; spring wheat bran, 33¢; standard middlings, 34¢; fine middlings, 33¢; cracked corn, 35¢; coarse cornmeal, 42¢; chop, 35¢ per ton in carlots.

Fruits and Vegetables
Potato market quiet. U. S. No. 1 Michigan, in carlots, \$1.40@1.45 per 150-lb sack. Apples steady. Greenings, \$2.25@2.50; Spys, \$3@3.50; Baldwins, \$2@2.25 per bu. Cabbage, new, \$2.50@2.75 per crate.

Hay and Straw
Hay and straw markets quiet. Hay, No. 1 timothy, \$16@16.50; standard, \$15.50@16; No. 1 light clover mixed, \$15.50@16; No. 2 timothy, \$14@15; No. 1 clover mixed, \$13@14; No. 1 clover, \$13@14; wheat and oat straw, \$10.50@11; rye straw, \$11.50@12 per ton in carlots.

Grain
Grain market unsettled with upward trend. May wheat futures higher. Quoted Detroit: Wheat, Cash No. 1 red, \$1.88; No. 2 red, \$1.87; No. 2 white and No. 2 mixed, \$1.85. Yellow Corn, Cash No. 3, \$1.15; No. 4, \$1.10. White Oats, Cash No. 2, 53¢; No. 3, 49¢. Rye, Cash No. 2, \$1.16. Beans, Michigan choice hand picked, prompt shipment, \$5.25 per cwt. Barley, malting 96¢; feeding, 89¢. Buckwheat, milling, \$1.90@1.95 per cwt. Seeds prime red clover, \$16.80; October, \$13.25; alsike, \$12.90; timothy, \$3.

Livestock and Meats
Chicago and Detroit hog prices lower at \$12.40 for the top and \$12.10@12.30 for the bulk. Medium and good beef steers lower at \$8.65@10.85; butcher cows and heifers steady to lower at \$4.40@10.75; feeder steers higher at \$5.65@8.65, and light and medium weight veal calves lower at \$7@11; fat lambs lower at \$12.75@15; feeding lambs lower at \$13@14.25; and fat ewes lower at \$5.75@8.75. Live Poultry, Detroit, Capons, over 7 lbs. 40¢; spring chickens, fancy, smooth legs, 33¢@35¢; best hens, 5 lbs up, 32¢; old roosters, 18¢@20¢; geese, 18¢; ducks, large white, 33¢; best turkeys, 35¢ per lb.

UNUSUAL HAPPENINGS AND OTHER BRIEF NEWS

Herrin Elects Mayor

Herrin, Ill.—Marshall D. McCormack was elected mayor of Herrin by 197 votes over Thomas Welty, regarded as the Ku Klux Klan candidate, in an election free from any violence. The 890 votes cast established a record.

Lepers Cured in Philippines

Manila—Amazingly successful results in the cure of leprosy by use of chaulmoogra oil have been made at Cullion, leprosy asylum in the Philippine Islands, according to Governor Leonard Wood. He stated that more than 500 cures had been made in the last four years.

Mexican Duelists Slain

Mexico City—Carlos Carrillo and Professor Jose Izquierdo, aldermen and members of the board of public works, are dead as the result of a duel which they fought on the outskirts of the city. The two men quarreled and decided to settle their differences with revolvers at once. As both were deadly marksmen their shots were fatal.

Painleve Gets Confidence Vote

Paris—Nine hours of debate, featured by bitter personal attacks, on Joseph Caillaux, lately returned from exile and now minister of finance, preceded the vote in the Chamber of Deputies on the declaration of policy of the new cabinet. At the conclusion of the verbal fireworks, Premier Paul Painleve and his colleagues were voted the confidence of the chamber, 304 to 218.

World Harmony Foreseen

Washington—World peace can be ultimately effected only through the clarification and codification of international law, and this is to be accomplished only through a great conference of representatives of all the nations of the earth, former Secretary of State Hughes, as president of the American Society of International Law, told members of that association at their annual meeting.

Sims Can't See 'Yellow Peril'

Milwaukee, Wis.—Admiral William Snowden Sims, retired commander of the American fleet in European waters during the World war, told members of the American Legion post here that there is not even a slight chance that America will be attacked from the Pacific or that the "yellow peril" will become a reality until China is developed to the level of Japan. The latter instance is even still more remote than the first, the admiral said.

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Chicago—Plans

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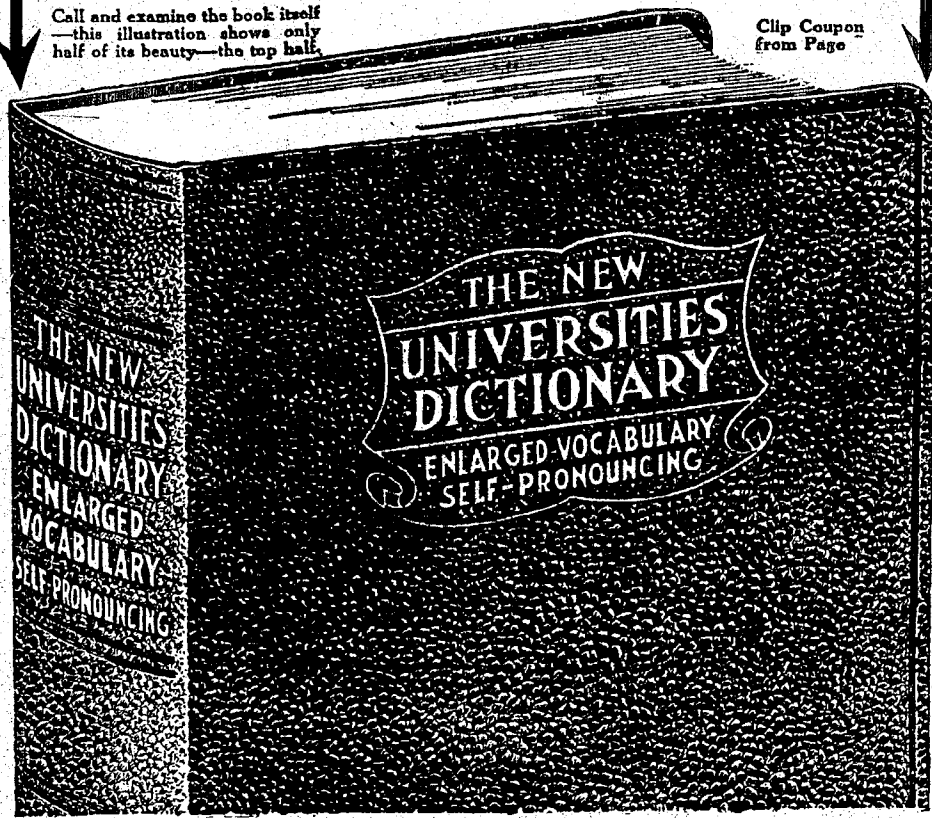
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FARM BUREAU NOTES R. D. BAILEY County Agricultural Agent

Still At It.

For the information of those who wonder why the county agent does not call more often, let us say that he is extremely busy in notifying farmers that their fertilizers are here and in dealing out the fertilizer.

He is notifying farmers that their cars of lime are here and in weighing out those five cars so that each man shall get what he paid for.

He is busy in securing dependable seed for farmers, and in seeing that the farmer gets them promptly.

The little job of getting from the Agricultural college the fifty bottles of inoculation at just the right time, and getting them to the farmer on time, is no simple thing.

The Accountant!

Keeping account of each farmer's wants, getting the stuff (lime, fertilizer, seed, inoculation), and seeing that the farmer gets what he paid for, and collecting the money, giving receipts, remembering some little link in each deal, like not all of the seed coming, or the farmer being just then short fifteen cents or seven dollars, all these take time and nearly floor the agent in the spring of 1924.

April 25 and 27 we unloaded our Frederic car of lime, April 28 and 29, at Grayling. Then in rapid succession, will follow the Horrigan and Roscommon cars.

Not Correct.

We reported that we had sold 200 tons of lime to farmers. This is not correct. The number is 226 up to date.

Just Try It.

Just start out to sell a car of fertilizer and collect the money for it. Just start out and sell 226 tons of lime and collect the money for it. Sell \$800 to \$800 worth of high class, expensive seed, and collect the money first. If you do not have a headache just have an ice cream on me.

Fun, Too.

Yet, in spite of the many annoyances connected with all this, there is a thrill, a relish, a compensation in it, that lures the agent on.

It Shows.

It brings, each year, new farmers into line to take part in the progressive things. It shows that there is an element of people in the county who desire to do better even if there are some who do not.

Increase.

With great effort we placed ten tons of fertilizer in the county in 1924. This spring we have placed 18 tons, and could have sold 20.

Two or three years ago we placed a small car of lime at Horrigan and one at Rasmus (Military Reservation) this year five cars of 226 tons.

Other years, a little alfalfa seed. This year, \$350 worth, and that of the very choicest, certified, sacrificed Grimm.

I say that these are signs, not of grandstand plays, but of fundamental progress.

Use a Barrel.

Now is the time for the farmer or the villager to knock both heads out of a barrel, place it over a hill of pie-plant, (rhubarb) stake it down, place a wheel-barrow load of fresh horse manure around the outside of the barrel. The juices of the manure stimulates the plant to vigorous growth. Being in a barrel causes the plant to seek the light. Thus, it

grows tall quickly and is extremely tender from quick growth and lack of direct sunlight.

Cook it, and it falls to pieces, leaving no fiber, making a tonic, appetizing, health dish of juice that tastes much like oranges, and costs almost nothing.

Where Were You?

The horse-radish, crisp parsnips, green onions that Grayling grows, should be offered for sale by our farmers. Have they done so?

The pie-plant, radishes, lettuce, peas that this town eats ought to be offered by our farmers, on time in the day, early in the season, good sized bunches, attractively put up.

Great aid to the farmers' pocket-book!

Set the Stage.

Which ones of our farmers will this spring, set the stage for a profitable poultry and cow business by plucking the seeds that must be liberally used this winter, and which cost so much to buy?

While Some Laugh Others Weep.

While some are hollering about "no chance here," others are quietly kicking up a good living from the farm.

The latter fellow adapts himself to the chance that is at hand, raises the things that people want, and rakes in the cash.

Where is My Honey.

There is a chance for three people in Crawford County to make a liberal income through keeping bees.

Bees will thrive here. There is feed enough.

Probably not a pound of honey is produced in the county. Tons of it could be raised and sold here.

If you hate bees, don't start keeping bees.

1000 Pounds.

In 1919 Father Ponganis of Gaylord took a thousand pounds of honey from five hives of bees. 1920 was a little wet, but he took a thousand pounds from six hives.

Seed Oats.

No need to plant poor seed oats. We have trouble enough without that. A farmer in this county has 100 bushels of choice, re-cleaned Wolverine seed oats for sale.

Patronize a brother farmer who has gumption enough to produce quality seed. See the county agent about seed oats. The Wolverine is the oat to grow here.

Spuds, Spuds!

Another farmer has forty bushels of choice clean, early white seed potatoes for sale. Get some good seed and raise a good yield of clean, smooth, mealy potatoes.

Nix on the Callers.

O, for the ability of the silver-tongued Henry Clay to make people see it my way!

In a previous paper I did my darndest to make people want to come to my office to see the pictures in beautiful colors of the various evergreens, and how evergreens can be grouped by porches, in corners and along foundations with beautiful effect. No one came. Guess they think I want to sell something. I do not want to sell anything but the idea.

Probably Not Thinking of Same Thing.

Perhaps some just think of a tall evergreen like a Christmas tree when we speak of landscaping with evergreens.

This is the wrong idea. There are many kinds of evergreens that are low-growing naturally, just right height to plant along house foundations.

There are the Irish Jumpers, tall,

slim, cigar-shaped, to break the monotony of corners.

Then there are various shades of others to be grouped.

All For Gasoline.

Is it possible that people are so much wrapped up in auto riding that beautification of home is forgotten?

Well-kept, well landscaped home grounds are within the reach of all. Farmers could and should have them. Day laborers could and should have them.

A family can tell all the world as it passes by, the calibre of the family and what it stands for, without saying a word.

The green clipped lawn on the farm, the group of well-selected shrubs, the selection and placing of flowers used, tell it all.

Science and the Farmer.

Unseen Friends.

With all our troubles we have many friends. Prominent among these are the bacteria living in the nodules (little bunches) on the roots of clover, sweet clover, alfalfa, soybeans, vetch.

These nodules are the homes of the nitrogen fixing bacteria.

The plants named above gather nitrogen from the air, where there is a supply that will last. That is why clover, alfalfa, soy beans, vetch, etc., are so good for soil.

The plant does this work better if there are lots of nodules on the roots and there are lots of bacteria in the nodules.

This can be brought about by putting onto the seed a bottle of inoculation containing many millions of these bacteria in a kind of jelly-like substance.

Many a time clover, sweet clover, alfalfa, vetch or soy beans have not done very well because the farmer did not put this inoculation on the seed.

It does not cost much—about four and one-sixth cents per acre.

Good farmers are using these bottles of inoculation more and more each year.

Our Agricultural College furnishes tens of thousands of bottles each year. They are the same price to all—twenty-five cents each.

If you do not want to get them through the county agent, send twenty-five cents to Bacteriological Laboratory, East Lansing, Mich., and tell them what kind of a crop you want to put it on. Don't just say: "Send me a bottle of inoculation."

P. S. Soon, I am going to write a little about a class of farmers called "The Oh Well Farmer!"

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WEST BRANCH, MICHIGAN

NEWS DISPATCHES FROM EVERYWHERE

U. S. and Canada Order Survey Of St. Lawrence River Waterway Project

Washington—After negotiations of more than a year, the way has been cleared for active undertaking of the engineering survey of the St. Lawrence River deep waterway project through final agreement between the United States and Canadian governments on instructions to govern the joint engineering board's duty of the project.

The final draft of instructions to the board, made public simultaneously in Washington and Ottawa with the complete correspondence in the negotiations, showed a compromise finally was reached in the matter of water diversions to be considered in studying the power possibilities of the project.

By this the joint board is directed to consider in its study the effect of natural water levels in the St. Lawrence River of water diversions from the Great Lakes or the river made under license of either government.

Secretary Hoover, chairman of the St. Lawrence commission appointed by President Coolidge, declared the completion of the negotiations marked a decided step forward in the progress toward determination of the feasibility of the St. Lawrence project and a final solution of the problem of finding the best route from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic.

Battle Lines All Ready

Honolulu—The Island of Oahu, far flung western outpost of the United States and key to the nation's web of defense in the Pacific has been transformed by the Black forces, defending the islands from an attacking fleet, into a veritable armed camp, in preparation for the greatest war maneuvers ever staged.

Just as the Blue fleet, which is steaming toward the islands from the east in an attempt to recapture the island from the land forces, was traveling under war conditions as far as possible, the army shore defenses have been arranged along lines which would be drawn in defending the island against actual instead of theoretical attack.

Senator Wheeler Acquired

Great Falls, Mont.—Senator Burton K. Wheeler, was acquitted of a charge of unlawfully using his influence as a senator before the department of the interior by a jury in federal court here.

Exactly two hours and thirteen minutes elapsed between the time the jury retired to deliberate and the time the verdict was returned. Out of this time the jury took one hour to dine. The actual time for deliberation was but a few minutes, according to court attaches.

The accused received two pieces of good news simultaneously—his acquittal and the birth to Mrs. Wheeler of a daughter in Washington.

Steamer Sinks With Crew

New York—Thirty-eight Japanese seamen, the entire crew of the Japanese steel freighter Rairiku Maru, were drowned in the raging North Atlantic seas when their ship sank as the Cunarder Tuscania and the Homeric, of the White Star line, stood by, unable to help because of the heavy seas.

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Danger!

New York newspapers are discussing the question, "What is an adventure?" An adventure is a woman you and your husband met awhile ago, and your husband remarks, "Why not have her out to our house to dinner sometime?"—Kansas City Star.

Bulldog's Ancestry

The bulldog is a cross between an English mastiff and a large pugdog from southeastern Asia.

FREDERIC ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Shupback of Flint are visiting her aunt Mrs. Erve Roe. She was formerly Miss Berneda Skinner.

Albert Lewis, Geo. Sheldon and William Cox have returned from a motor trip to Iron Mountain, Lance, Soo and other points. They also entered British soil.

Mrs. Geo. Sheldon and son Don and daughter Kerine with Miss Erma Craven spent the week end at Saginaw.

Elwood Barber at present writing is at Mercy Hospital afflicted with a piece of steel imbedded in his leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Pek who reside on the Karmes farm decided to disengage. She moved to town, then they decided life was to short to live apart, so toted her household goods back to the farm.

The Ladies aid will meet next week with Mrs. Charles Badder.

Rev. Hart was home over Sunday so he filled the pulpit himself and gave a splendid sermon. But many who should have been there were not.

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FINDS SECRET CANNIBAL CULT

Explorer Tells How Human Flesh Is Eaten.

London.—A "secret society of cannibals" who consume human flesh purely from a sense of public duty is the discovery claimed made in the Belgian Congo by E. Torday, who describes his adventures among these folk in a book entitled "On the Trail of the Bushmango," just published here.

Torday, who in the course of study of the Bushmango arts and crafts made a collection for the British museum, is enthusiastic about the artistic qualities of the Baluba—as the secret cannibals are called.

The tribe does not profess cannibalism publicly, and it was necessary to obtain their confidence before it was possible to obtain inside information as to their rites. Torday liked the Baluba and they liked him; hence he got behind the reserve which has prevented the ordinary traveler penetrating their secrets.

Dealing with the "public duty" aspect of the tribe's cannibalism, the writer says: "In every village there are a certain number of people who sometimes, simply out of a sense of duty for the public good, dispose of the corpses of slaves and malefactors by eating them." The idea was that this prevents souls of the dead returning to take vengeance on the village for wrongs suffered during life.

This sort of "public duty" cannibalism is conducted on secret society lines, owing to unpopularity of the practice among the neighboring white folk. There is a distinct rite of initiation. The introducer of a new member must first "touch his tongue with a piece of pudding dipped in the stew (human), then he will be made to eat some of this in tiny bits and finally will swallow a piece of flesh."

After this the novice has to attend several meetings, and on each of these he will consume smoked human flesh. Torday goes on:

"When he has been sufficiently hardened to the practice by eating the preserved flesh used on these occasions, he will be given opportunity of becoming a full member by assisting at consumption of a fresh corpse."

The Baluba men are expert weavers and the women excel at embroidery. Torday says they make beautiful clothes, and the pile of some of their cloth is short and close, like the finest velvet. Another cloth is made with damask designs and among the colors used are "delicate mauve-yellow, with a black."

He writes that it is as sculptors and carvers that the Bushmango are known in the world, and within the last few years African sculptures have become the craze.

The principal objects produced are boxes, cups, dishes, drums, chairs and, ranking above all, human figures, of which the most remarkable are the statues of ancient kings.

Had Scanty Store of Iron

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Grayling in said County, on the 21st day of April A. D. 1925.

Present: Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Mary J. Conklin, Deceased.

Addess M. Collins having filed in said court her petition praying that the administration and the final settlement of said estate be granted to Merle F. Nellist or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the eighteenth day of May A. D. 1925, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
George Sorenson, Judge of Probate. 4-23-3

LEGAL NOTICE.

An Ordinance granting to the Grayling Electric Company, a Michigan Corporation, the Right to construct and maintain Conductors for Conducting Electricity In, Along and Upon the Streets, Alleys, and Public Places of the Village of Grayling, and to Conduct a Business of Distributing and Selling Electricity Therein.

ORDINANCE NO. 35.

The Village of Grayling Ordains: Section 1. Consent, permission and authority is hereby given, granted and vested in the Grayling Electric Company, a Corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the State of Michigan its successors or assigns to manufacture, generate and use electricity and to construct, operate and maintain poles, wires, cables, conduits, and other fixtures for the purpose of transmitting, distributing and supplying electricity through, in, over, upon and under the streets, lanes, alleys, highways, and other public grounds and places in the village of Grayling, in the state of Michigan, and in the territory that may hereafter become a part thereof, and to furnish, supply and deliver electricity for lighting, heating, power, and other purposes to the said Village of Grayling and to the inhabitants and users of electricity within the limits of the said Village of Grayling as now or hereafter established.

Section 2. The poles, wires, cables, conduits, and other fixtures provided for under this ordinance shall be erected or placed under the supervision of the Council of the